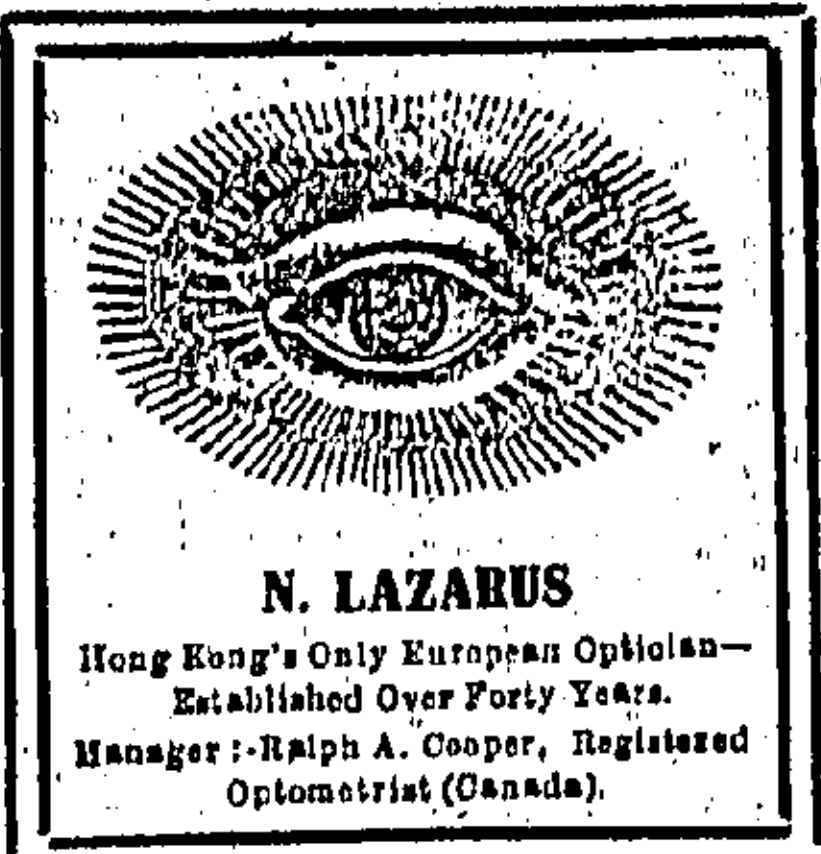




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XTMAS BURGLARY.

WHITEAWAY'S AGAIN ROBBED.

VALUABLE HAUL OF GOODS.

Uninvited guests spent a happy Christmas at the expense of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Company, burglars—forcing an entry into the premises on Christmas Night, making a thorough selection of the special Yuletide display, and decamping with valuable silk goods and other property valued provisionally at between \$8,000 and \$10,000.

To reach the main store, the Christmas marauders used hammers and chisels to knock a large hole through a fourteen-inch wall, after first having burst through a door into the godown, on the second floor at the rear of the premises.

WELL-PLANNED ATTEMPT.

The visitors must have been well acquainted with the layout of the premises, for although the hole in the wall was some twenty feet from the ground, it was in the most suitable spot for the attempt. Ropes were used to climb down, but the burglars, once inside, avoided themselves of bamboo ladders for their repeated visits to the godown with their booty.

It is thought that at least six men took part, and they must have worked undisturbed for several hours in spite of the fact that an Indian watchman was making his rounds of the shop outside.

Dozens of boxes previously containing silk handkerchiefs were left empty behind, showcases were stripped of everything of valuable nature, the most expensive of Messrs. Whiteaway's stock of felt hats were stolen, and leather suitcases found on the premises were used in which to take the proceeds of the burglary away.

SAFE LEFT UNTOUCHED.

As far as can be seen, no attempt was made to force the safe in the office of Mr. O. A. Smith, the general manager of the Company. As it happened, it contained the whole of the Christmas Eve takings, amounting to several thousand dollars.

Mr. Smith made a personal inspection of the premises on Christmas Day, leaving about noon, and he discovered the store in a state of confusion when he paid his next visit at noon yesterday.

The police on arrival found crowbars and chisels which the thieves had left behind, and we understand that investigation will be made for finger-prints.

This is the third burglary at Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw's in two years.

AMERICA'S NAVY.

ANOTHER STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT.

Washington, Dec. 25. President Coolidge has issued a statement reiterating that the move to increase the navy by ten cruisers is merely meant to round off the navy and not stir up competitive naval construction.

Referring to his proposal that the United States should call another Armaments Conference he says the reduction of armaments either through the proposed League of Nations Disarmament Conference or through another Washington Conference, would tend to reduce taxation all over the world and enable Europe earlier to reach economic stabilization. The proposed Conference, which was suggested by the United States, should deal with matters left undecided by the previous Conference.—*Reuter.*

MOTOR CYCLE & CAR COLLIDE.

POLICE OFFICER BADLY INJURED.

A FRACTURED LEG.

Lane Sergeant George, of the Traffic Police, was seriously injured yesterday whilst on patrol on the Stanley Road, through his motor cycle colliding with a car coming from an opposite direction. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital with a broken leg, an operation being performed later in the evening.

The mishap occurred at a semi-circular bend some 300 yards on the gradient leading from the Stanley Police Station. Sergeant George who was on patrol duty, had left Shaukiwan Police Station on his way to Repulse Bay. His motor cycle, which was an A. J. S. combination, collided almost head-on with car No. 347 (owned by Mr. Gubbay) when rounding the corner. The officer was thrown heavily from the machine, compound fractures occurring to the right leg. The motor cycle was smashed.

First aid was rendered by a fellow-officer from the Stanley Police Station. Sergeant George's leg was bound up and the motor ambulance later arrived to take the injured officer back to the city. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where an examination disclosed that compound fractures had occurred in three places, between the knee and ankle of the right leg. An operation was performed later in the evening, and we learn that the officer's condition is such as to give cause for some anxiety.

ATTACK ON YUNNAN.

PREPARATIONS FOR AN INVASION.

A report from Canton states that General Fan Shek-sang, commanding the 16th Army Corps, has arrived at Canton from Posen, Kwangsi, to receive his final instruction to attack Yunnan, as it is now considered that the time is ripe for the invasion.

For this purpose, the Generals of the Szechuan forces who will take part in this expedition—Lew Shiang, Lai Sum-fai and Lew Shing-fun—have been ordered. Generals Commanding the 21st, 22nd and 23rd Army Corps, while General Chow Sai-sing, of the Kweichow unit, will command the 25th Army Corps.

These five army corps have now been assigned to invade Yunnan from Kwangsi, Kweichow and Szechuan. It is stated that General Fan Shek-sang is waiting in Canton for the necessary funds to enable him to set his forces in action. Munitions and war equipment were sent forward some time ago.

NICARAGUA REVOLT.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT.

Managua, Dec. 25. Two men, armed with heavy knives, attempted to assassinate President Diaz.

They attacked the carriage as the President was returning from a social function. President Diaz alighted unharmed but his driver was cut to pieces.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN MARINES LANDED.

Washington, Dec. 26. American marines have landed at Puerto Cabezas, the capital of the Nicaraguan Liberal forces, from the cruisers Denver and Cleveland, with instructions to protect American lives and property.—*Reuter.*

CAFE FIRE.

BEAUTY PARLOUR DESTROYED.

EARLY MORNING BLAZE.

Early this morning a fire broke out in Madame Flint's Beauty Parlour, adjoining the Cafe Parisien, which totally destroyed the Parlour whilst water has caused some damage to the Cafe itself, which, however, will probably be put in order in a comparatively short time. Luckily there was no-one on the premises at the time, so there were no casualties.

A call was received by the Fire Brigade at twelve minutes past one, and four engines were promptly despatched to the scene in charge of Superintendent H. T. Brooks. When the Brigade arrived it was seen that the flames had obtained a good hold in the upper part of the building, and the fire-fighters found some difficulty in bringing hoses to bear, as it was an awkward place to get at.

ENTRY SECURED.

Eventually, a way was found of getting inside by knocking down a door leading into the yard at the back. After entry had thus been effected, the men were able to take a hose right inside into the upper part of the Cafe itself, and got at much closer quarters with the fire. Before long, the windows in the Beauty Parlour were burnt through, and a ladder was erected on the outside of the building, and a hose taken up. Thus the Brigade were able directly to attack the fire from two different angles, and just after an hour had elapsed from the time of the first call, the fire was quelled.

THE DAMAGE.

That the fire and the water had done considerable damage it was easy to see on taking a walk through the premises this morning. Inside, one was given the impression that the recent flood had repeated itself, there being several inches of water on the ground floor. The trim and neat entrance to the Cafe by way of Madame Flint's window is now gone, and there is water everywhere. The damage done by the fire was evidenced in the Beauty Parlour, upstairs where there was every indication that the fire had raged fiercely there. Everything was burnt, the room presenting a scene of utter destruction. The upper part of the Cafe escaped with little or no damage, and when the water has been drained off the ground floor it should not take long to put the Cafe into use again.

Outside in the lane which bounds the north side of the Cafe were heaps of goods all badly burnt. Most of them were brought out from the Beauty Parlour, and it was evident that many dollars worth of dresses had been destroyed, together with several rolls of cloth. A number of models, which were used for the purpose of showing dresses, are now but charred masses, and there are also some purses and bags among the heap. Boxes, gloves, and various articles of ladies' attire were all mixed up together in the lane.

It is not known definitely at present how the fire started but it is believed to have broken out through the fusing of an electric wire. Considerable damage has been done, and although it is not yet exactly known, it is expected to run into four figures.

AUSTRALIAN FIRE.

BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED.

Sydney, Dec. 26. Fifteen business premises at Kyogle have been burned down, the damage being estimated at \$100,000. There was considerable looting.—*Reuter.*

SINGAPORE OFFICIAL STABBED.

INCIDENT AT THE CHINESE PROTECTORATE.

MR. W. G. STIRLING WOUNDED.

Mr. W. G. Stirling, of the Chinese Protectorate in Singapore was the subject of a serious assault made by a Chinese at the Chinese Protectorate on the 14th instant.

During the morning, a Chinese with his wife went to the Protectorate to interview Mr. Stirling with the object of settling a domestic trouble.

Apparently a discussion followed, the Chinese suddenly becoming angry and it seems that Mr. Stirling received a wound in the thigh with a sharp knife in attempting to prevent the Chinese from stabbing his wife who had refused to live with him.

The noise which ensued alarmed others in the Protectorate. They rushed to the scene. The injured people were then removed to the General Hospital.

None of the wounds are expected to prove fatal, although the woman's condition is reported to be weak.

The Chinese is said to be a new

ANTI-CHRISTIAN MOVE.

Incident at Hankow City.

Hankow, Dec. 26.

The native pastors in most places in the native city did not function at the Christmas services.

There was an incident on Christmas Eve at the Lutheran Mission in the native city when a body of anti-Christians invaded the premises and removed Bibles and hymn books.

Three anti-Christian and anti-British meetings were held at Wuchang, Hanyang and Hankow this morning. It is estimated that there were 5,000 at the meeting in the native city and about the same at Wuchang and Hanyang. The speakers numbered about forty and represented every section of the Government and Army.—*Reuter.*

arrival in Singapore, and concerned in tin mining.

It is understood that the Chinese will be charged with attempted murder.

COMING BATTLE.

CHANG KAI-SHEK MAKES PREPARATIONS.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

General Chang Kai-shek has called a military conference at Nanchang, reported to be for the purpose of making preparations against the coming attack from Fengtien. He has ordered the organisation of forty Divisions of picked troops to be used against the attackers.—*Reuter.*

MORE SNATCHING.

TWO CASES YESTERDAY.

Mrs. Cunha, whilst walking up the stairs at No. 5, Humphreys Avenue, on Christmas Eve, was dispossessed by a snatcher of a handbag containing \$86. A similar outrage occurred at Wyndham Street, where another snatcher stole a handbag from a Chinese lady, near the Dairy Farm offices.

YACHTING THRILL.

TAVY WINS MACAO RACE.

RECORD TIMES MADE.

The annual race to Macao and back for cruisers of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club has taken place over the holiday, the boats leaving Hongkong early yesterday morning in wintry conditions. The race, which is over a course of 71 miles, attracted ten entries, the boats, with their helmsmen, being:—

La Cigale (Mr. N. V. A. Croucher).

U. and I. (Mr. H. S. Rouse).

Coquette (Mr. H. Drayer).

Feathers (Mr. Nicholson).

Norseman (Mr. C. L. Edwards).

Queen Bee (Mr. Howard).

Dorothy II (Mr. E. S. Carter).

Lady Jean (Mr. H. J. Pearce).

Brenda (Mr. King).

Tavy II (Lt.-Com. Leveson-Gower).

The boats left Murray Pier early on Sunday morning, those seeing them off on their long run being the Commodore of the C. Y. C. (Mr. E. W. Carpenter), Mr. C. Van Ahel and Mr. V. Goulborn. There was a cold but good sailing wind of about force 3 prevailing, and all the boats made a fair run down the harbour. The first to cross the starting line were Norseman, Coquette, U. and I. and La Cigale, in the order named, with other trailing on. Only two of the boats—Queen Bee and Lady Jean—chose to take the course to the south of Lantau Island, all the other boats making up for Capsicum where they had the tide running against them up till about nine o'clock. When last observed from the western end of the harbour La Cigale was leading, being followed by U. and I., Norseman and Coquette.

THE RACE.

The race proved to be the fastest ever made in connection with this annual event, a strong wind prevailing all the time which not only gave speed but which also produced rough seas.

Two boats were forced to give up, one being the Brenda, which having got almost through Capsicum on a couple of tacks found the seas too rough for her and had to put into Gin Drinkers Bay for shelter until the afternoon, when the weather moderated a little and she came back into harbour.

The other boat—the little Coquette—reached Macao at 1.20 and was on her way back home, but when off Tai O, she lost her rudder and was forced to anchor. A message was got through by the courtesy of the police and the Club's Commodore, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, made arrangements for a launch to go out and tow the stranded yacht back. She arrived here early this morning.

All the remaining boats finished and were back at the Clubhouse just after midnight. The first in was the crack La Cigale, which crossed the finishing line at 7.53.16, giving her a total sailing time of 12 hours, 23 min. 16 sec. for a 71-mile course. This extremely fast time gives some idea of the fine sailing conditions. Lady Jean was close behind the leader, coming in at 7.64.5, which gave her a sailing time of 12 hrs. 24 min. 5 sec.

The order of arrival of the other boats was:—

U. and I. 9.49 p.m. (sailing time 14 hrs. 19 min.)

Feathers, 10.17.18 p.m. (sailing time 14 hrs. 47 min. 18 sec.)

Norseman, 10.50.43 p.m. (sailing time 15 hrs. 20 min. 43 sec.)

Queen Bee, 10.53.31 p.m. (sailing time 15 hrs. 24 min. 14 sec.)

Tavy II, 10.55.49 p.m. (sailing time 14 hrs. 25 min. 49 sec.)

Dorothy II, 12.11.50 a.m. (sailing time 16 hrs. 41 min. 50 sec.)

HANDICAP RESULT.

On Handicap, the Tavy II, with an allowance of 6 hrs. 30 sec.,

SHANGHAI WOMAN'S PETITION.

MARRIAGE DISSOLUTION SOUGHT.

DOMICILE NOT PROVED.

In H. M. Supreme Court at Shanghai last Tuesday, before Judge Grain, Mrs. E. E. Lucan sought to obtain dissolution of her marriage with Thomas R. Lucan, a Merchant Service officer, formerly of Shanghai, on the grounds of cruelty and misconduct. Mr. A. Y. Ting appeared for petitioner, respondent failing to put in an appearance.

In the petition it was stated that the marriage took place on May 22, 1914. The document then went on to detail the circumstances of respondent's misconduct and enumerated instances of his brutality towards petitioner. It alleged that Lucan drank very heavily and at times suffered from delirium tremens. The wife had sent her husband away from Shanghai to other ports where he was not known in order to give him a fresh start, but he had invariably returned and lived on her earnings. There had been several "scenes" during these returns, and petitioner felt that her only course was to sue for divorce.

The judge pointed out that the petitioner offered no proof that Lucan was domiciled in China, as demanded by British Law as applied to extraterritorial areas. There seemed no doubt that petitioner had been very badly treated by her husband, and fully deserved sympathy, but domicile must be proved. His Lordship suggested that petitioner apply to the Court for a judicial separation, which it was in his power to grant on the evidence. He had no doubt that if divorce proceedings were started in an English court petitioner would be granted her decree.

The petition was accordingly dismissed, and a judicial separation will probably be applied for in due course.

KING ALBERT AND FOCH.

CORRECTED DATE IN WAR CONTROVERSY.

The King of the Belgians' letter to Marshal Foch protesting against statements which the Marshal is reported to have made concerning the Belgian Army in 1914 is regarded as clearing up vital points in the history of the world war.

M. Stephane Laubanne, the author of the article to which King Albert objected, attributed to Marshal Foch the statement that by persuasion he prevented the King of the Belgians and Sir John French from abandoning the line of the Yser in November 1914.

He now admits his error in placing the events in the month of November instead of October 1914. He adds that Marshal Foch never questioned the bravery and tenacity of the Belgian soldiers on the Yser.

"Every one of the armies envisaged or prepared retirements during the war," says M. Laubanne, "but their bravery was in no way impaired. That of the Belgian Army and of its King is above discussion."

Marshal Foch, it is understood, is replying to King Albert in a personal letter, which will not be made public unless the King expresses a desire to that effect.

wins by nearly 20 min. Lady Jean, with an allowance of 8 hrs. 9 min., takes second place, whilst the La Cigale goes into third place on her scratch time. Feathers, with an allowance of 2 hrs. 7 min., was a close fourth, the others in order being Queen Bee, U. and I., Norseman and Dorothy.

BRITISH POLICY.

PRESS COMMENT ON MEMORANDUM.

A PLEA FOR UNITY.

London, Dec. 26.

Largely on account of the holiday season and the publication arrangements, the Sunday papers comment most briefly on the British Memorandum which, however, they recognize as a State paper of vital importance in its bearing on the Chinese situation.

The *Sunday Times* thinks that perhaps it is only a question of a few weeks before the situation is ripe for negotiations, in view of the fact that the Cantonese forces are steadily gaining the upper hand. The paper therefore hopes that other Powers will speedily concur in the British proposals which afford the best way of protecting all interests.

The *Observer* points out that the British Government has now formally urged what has privately been urged for months—that the Powers will think in terms of the present and not in terms of the past in their Chinese policy.—*Reuter.*

FRENCH OPINION REGARDING JAPAN.

Paris, Dec. 26.

The death of the Emperor of Japan is taken occasion of by "Pertinax" in the *Echo de Paris* to express opinions on Japan's foreign policy.

He considers that Japan has profited by recent events in China since the anti-foreign outbreaks, which chiefly affect the South, is driving trade northwards where Japan is entrenched. "The 'unforgettable slight' of the denunciation of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance will doubtless tend to make Japan persist in her attitude and the British Memorandum on policy in China is obviously not likely to attract Japan.—*Reuter.*

M. BRIAND'S ATTITUDE.

Paris, Dec. 26.

L'Ouvre understands that M. Briand does not disapprove of the British Memorandum, concerning China.—*Reuter.*

BELGIUM SUPPORTS BRITAIN.

Brussels, Dec. 26.

It is understood that M. Vandevelde has given his approval of Britain's attitude towards China regarding the immediate conditional enforcement of Customs' surtaxes as laid down by the Washington Conference, and also the carrying out in a most liberal spirit the Extra-territoriality Commission's recommendations.—*Reuter.*

MEMORANDUM ISSUED.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

A lengthy British Memorandum on China has been issued by the British Legation and Consulates throughout China to-day. The Hongkong Government has a copy.—*Reuter.*

[We have made endeavours to secure a copy of the Memorandum for publication, but are informed that no instructions for release of the document have been received locally.—Ed. H.K.T.]

FRANCO-GERMAN TENSION.

SENTENCED GERMANS RELEASED.

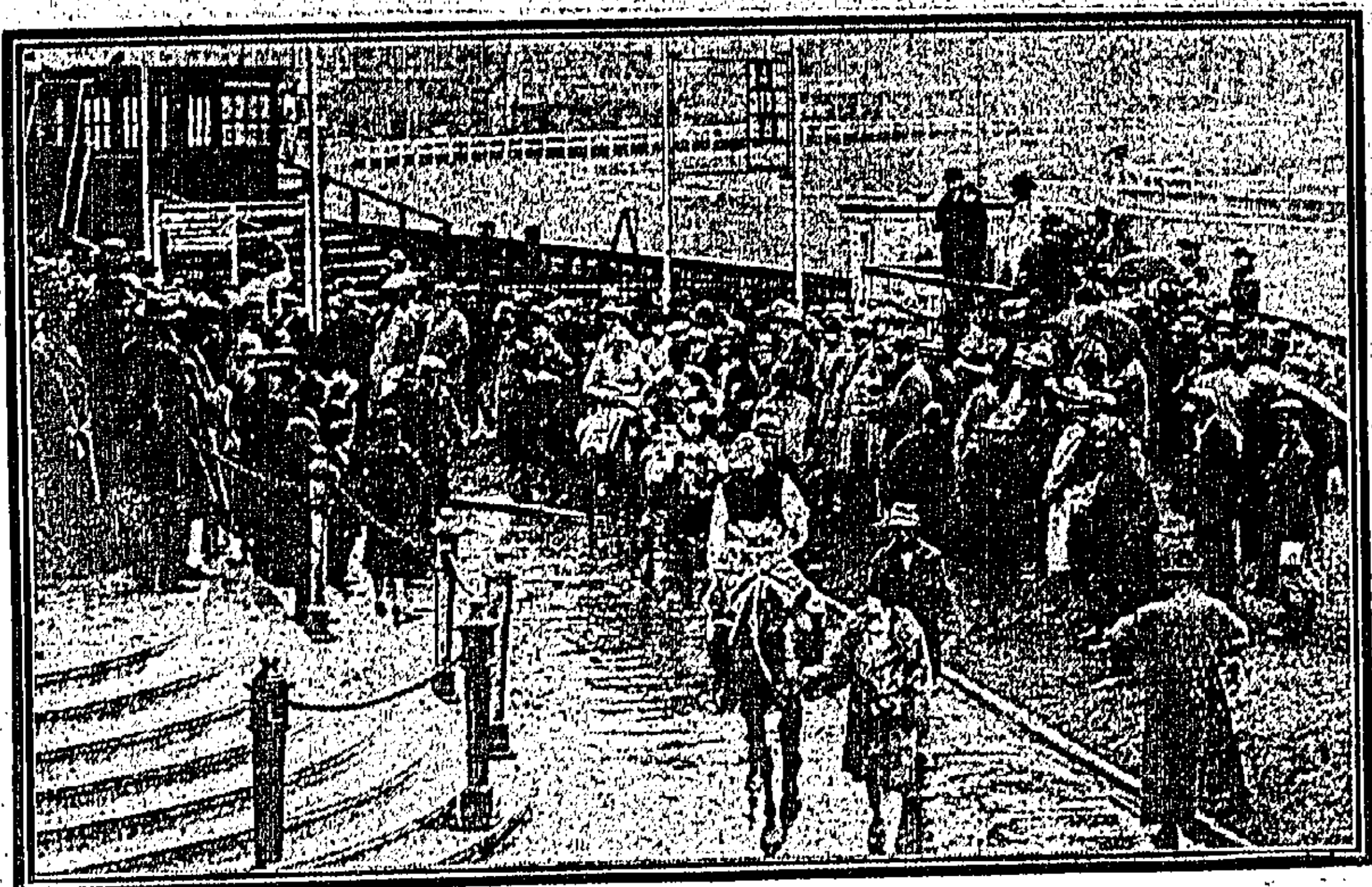
Paris, Dec. 25.

M. Painleve has informed the Cabinet that General Guillaumat, Commanding the Army of the Rhine, has recommended the President of the Republic to exercise his prerogative and pardon the six Germans sentenced in the Landau case.—*Reuter.*

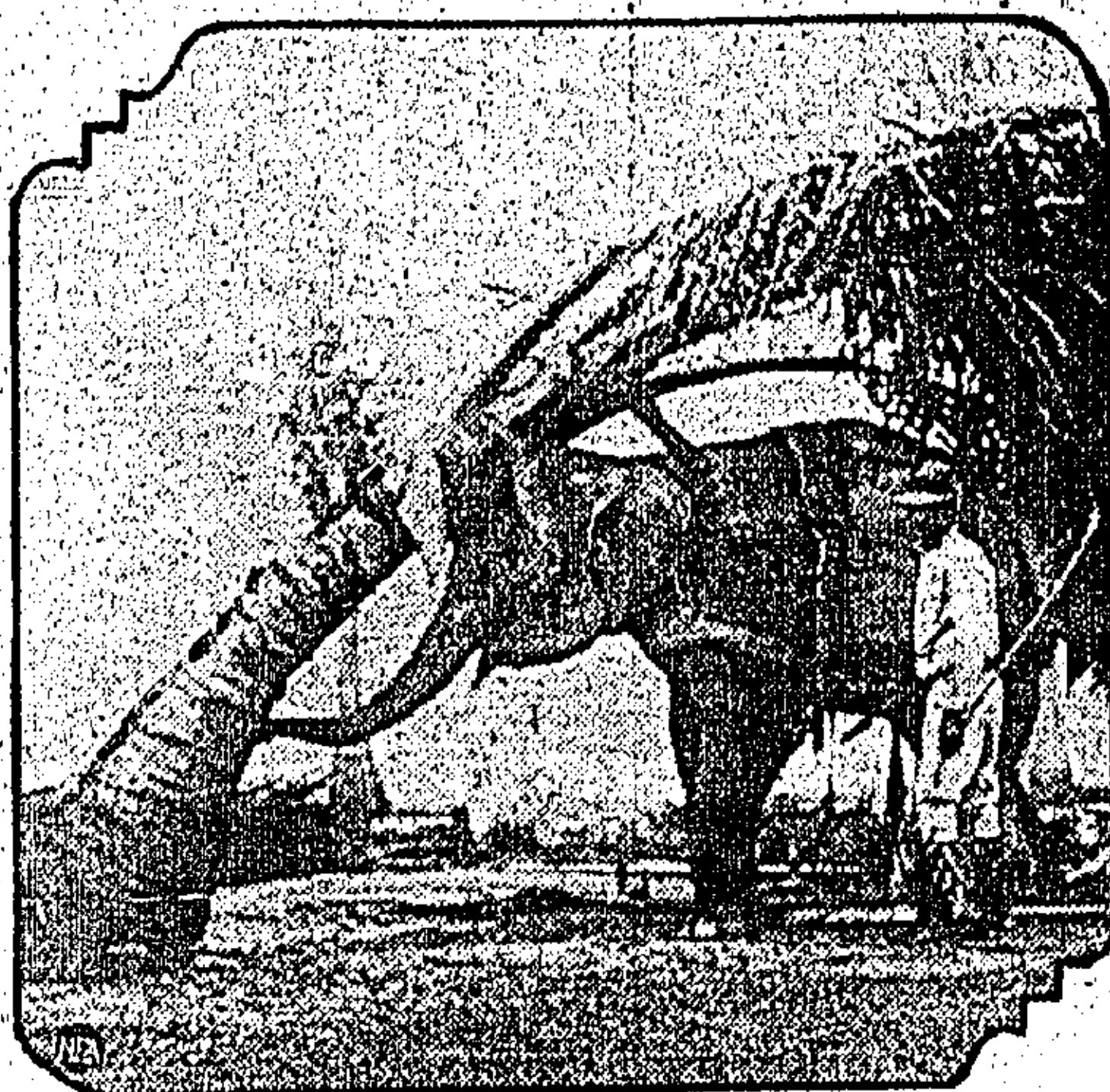
PRESIDENTIAL DECREE SIGNED.

Later.

President Doumergue has signed a Decree remitting all the sentences passed on the six Germans in connection with the Gormersheim affair.—*Reuter.*



WINNER OF EWO HANDICAP.—Mr. A. N. Dallas on Theatroland, the winner of the Ewo Handicap, at the annual race run on St. Andrew's Day, at Shanghai, being led in. The race was run off in miserable weather. This, however, did not affect the spirits of those present. Theatroland won as he liked.



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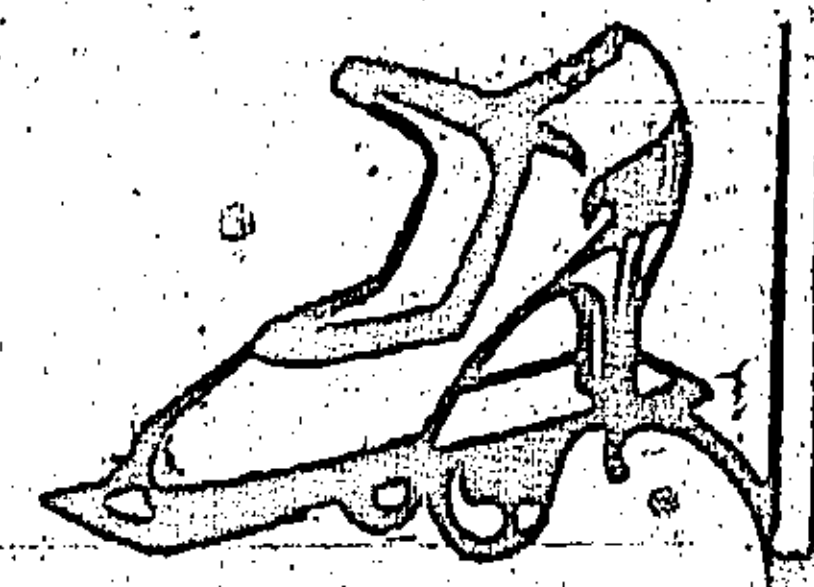
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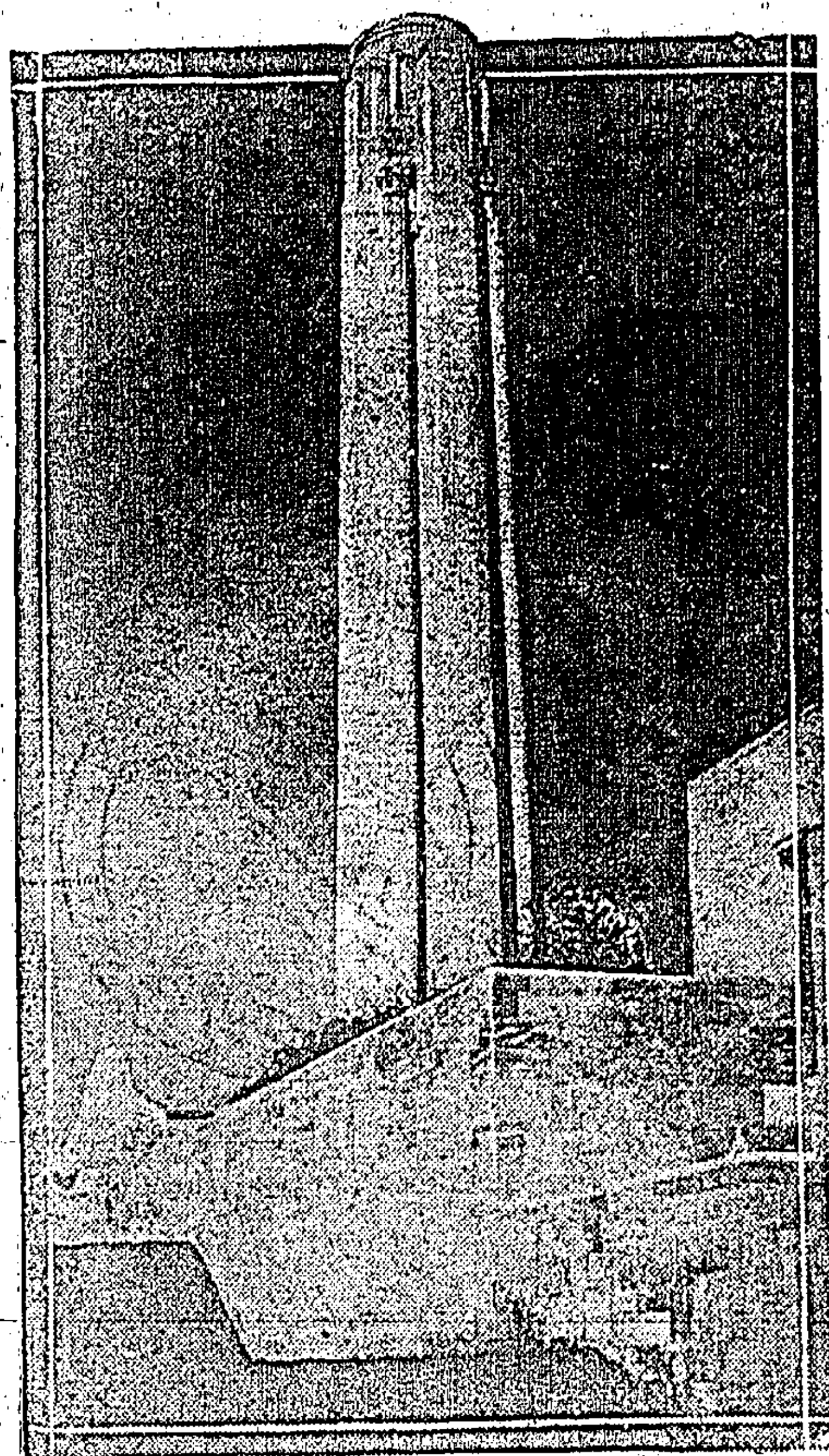
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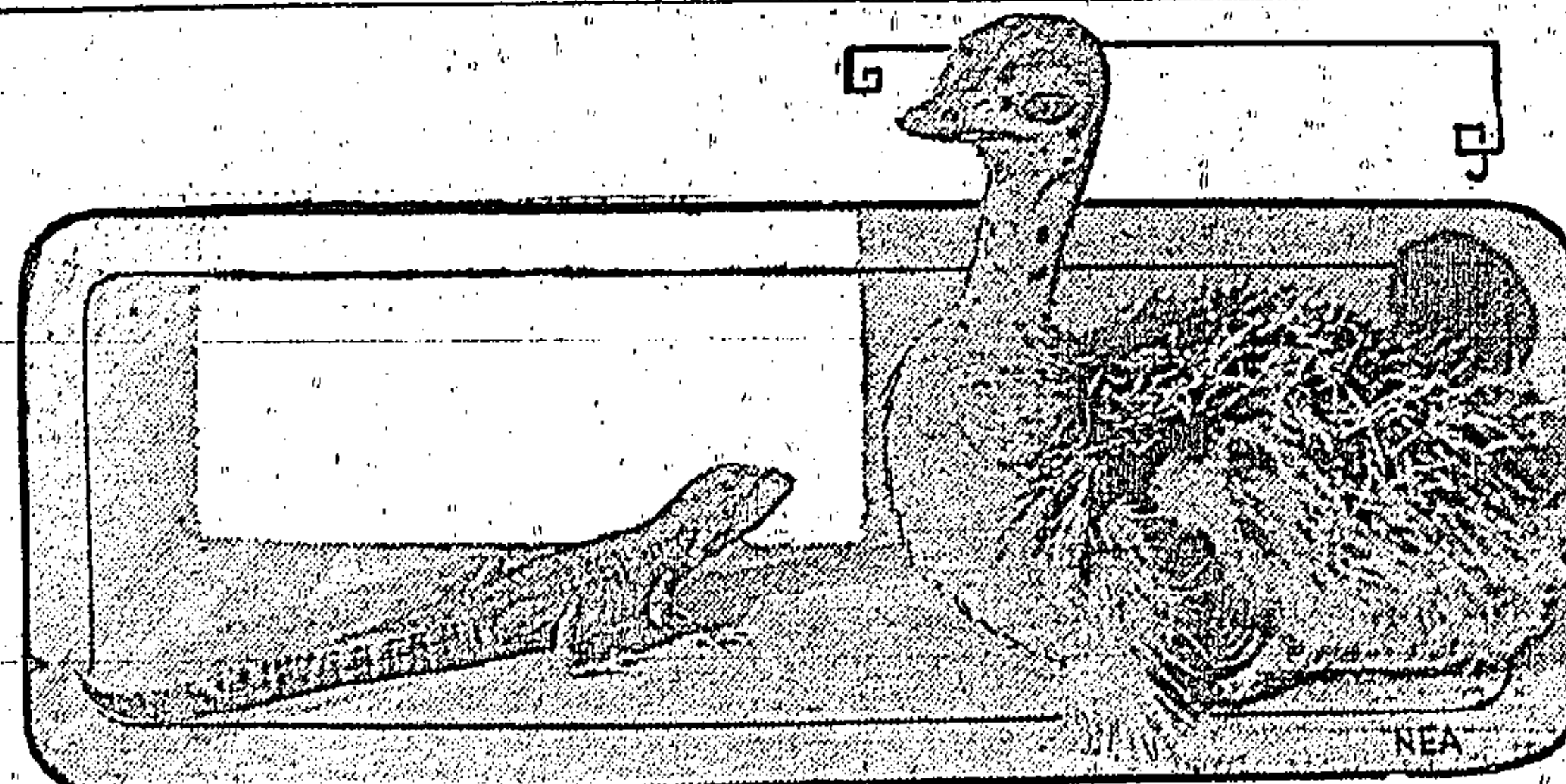
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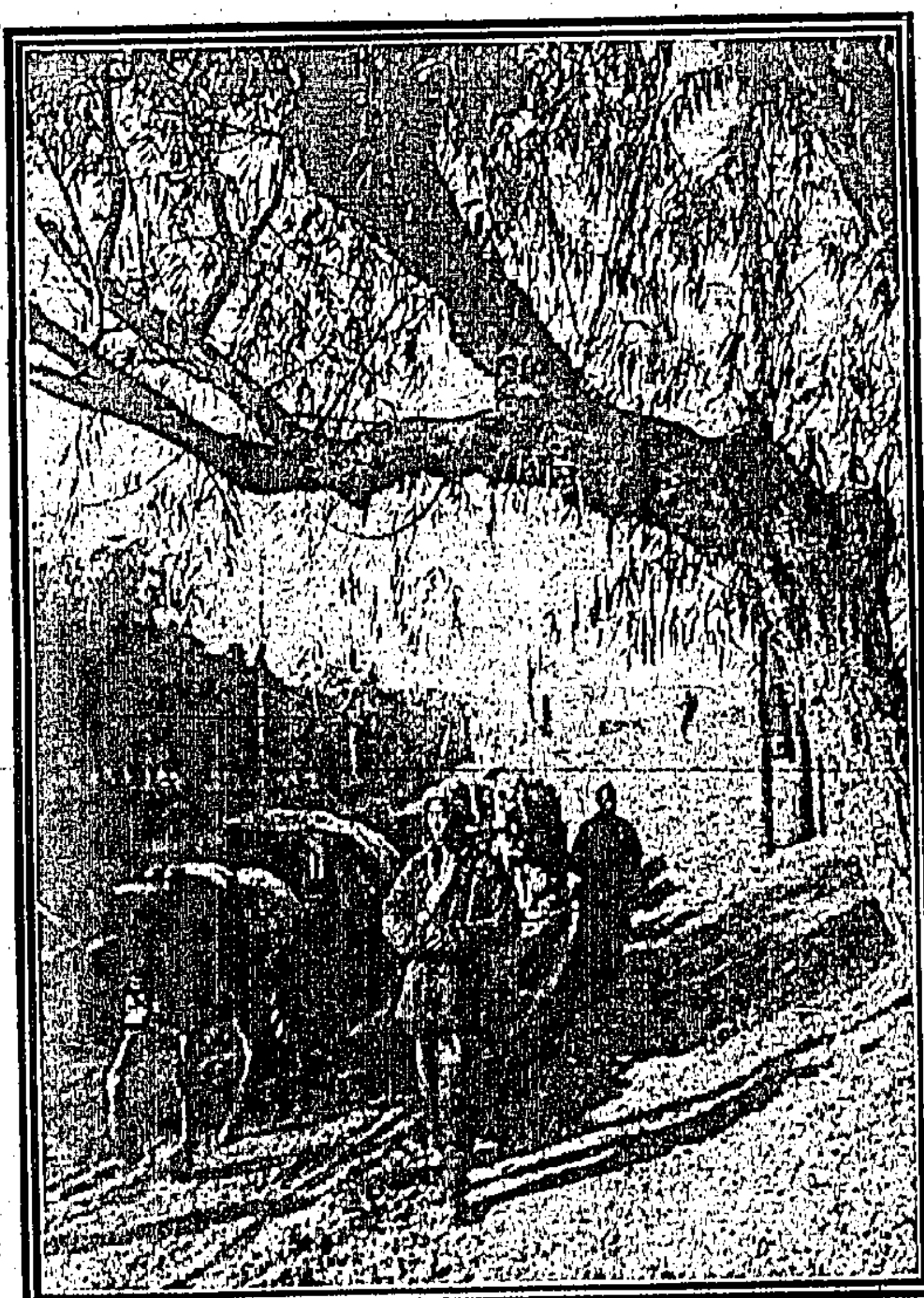
KANSAS WAR MEMORIAL.—This towering memorial built by Kansas City "in honour of those who served in the World War in defense of liberty and our country" was formally dedicated on Armistice Day by President Calvin Coolidge.



ENGLAND'S TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS.—As the nation paused on Armistice Day to honour its dead, emissaries of the British government placed a floral wreath on the tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, Virginia. Left to right, Secretary Hopkinson, of the British Embassy, Corporal Tizard, Captain Stopford, the British naval attache, and an American infantryman guard.



TWO BABIES.—This picture of a baby alligator, and a baby ostrich, both just two weeks old, was taken on a farm in California.



THE APPROACH OF WINTER.—Signs are not wanting around Peking that winter is fast approaching. The padded garments of the muleteers and the withered appearance of the earth are seen in our photo. Only the willow, first to blossom and last to fall, is still in leaf.



A POPULAR SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding on December 4, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Mr. Montague Eric Columbine and Miss Alison Doris Noble. Included in the picture are: Messrs. A. M. Bourne (best man), L. W. King, J. C. Stewart and A. J. W. Evans (ushers), Misses P. I. Newson and M. E. Millard (bridesmaids), and Miss Joan Morrison and Master Colin Morrison (train bearers).

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Guests will be received from 4.15 p.m. to 4.50 p.m.

All Guests are requested to bring a card on which their names should be written.

Ten will be served in the St. George's Hall and the St. Andrew's Hall.

The Meeting will begin at 5.15 p.m. punctually in the Theatre Royal. Guests are requested to take their seats there between 4.50 p.m. and 5.10 p.m. The Main Entrance only to the Theatre will be used.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Inaugural Race Meeting for China ponies of this Club will take place at Macao on the 5th February, 1927, next, if weather permits. There will be only one event at this Meeting, "The Trial Stakes."

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By Order,

S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, Chow Sik Cheung of No. 48, Connaught Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, hereby give notice that in consequence of a change of ownership I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the ship Fook Sing of Hongkong Official number 152089 of gross tonnage 838.84 tons, register tonnage 527.52 tons, heretofore owned by Chow Wing Kan for the permission to change her name to Wing Hung and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the Kwong On Company Limited.

Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

(sgd.) CHOW SIK CHEUNG.
Dated at Hongkong, this 17th day of December, 1926.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

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A girl gets credit for wearing a new dress which is what enables her to buy it.

Jerusalem.—On the slope of Mount Scopus, facing the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem, the final resting-place of 2,400 English soldiers will be dedicated by the Prince of Wales next April. The war cemetery has been established there by the Imperial War Graves Commission. More than half the soldiers buried there were members of the London regiments.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

NOTICE.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

Correspondence for Canton will be forwarded by train if so super-scribed. Such correspondence must be posted not later than 7.30 a.m. at the General Post Office or 7.40 a.m. at Kowloon Post Office for despatch by the Express Train scheduled to leave Kowloon Railway Station at 8.05 a.m. and to arrive at Canton at 12.20 p.m.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Due
Straits	Telokias December 25.
Shanghai	Shantung December 25.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)	
London 26th Nov. and parcels	
18th Nov.	Kalyan December 26.
Shanghai	Soochow December 26.
Amoy	Shirala December 27.
Japan	St. Albans December 28.
Manila	Pres. Jefferson December 28.
Straits	Takada December 29.
Manila	Empress of Canada December 29.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln December 31.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Grant January 2.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Arafura January 3.
Shanghai	Pres. Adams January 3.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Amazona January 4.
	Pres. Cleveland January 6.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date.
Saigon and Bangkok	Kohso Maru	Tues, Dec. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Tues, Dec. 23, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Autolycus	Tues, Dec. 23, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 26th Jan. 1927).
Swatow	Yatshing	Tues, Dec. 28, 5 p.m. Parcels 28th 5 p.m., Letters 28th 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Shirala	Wed, Dec. 29, Parcels noon, Letters 1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Laisang	Wed, Dec. 29, Parcels noon, Letters 1 p.m.
Suigon	Tilliwong	Wed, Dec. 29, 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kotsu Maru	Wed, Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Tean	Thurs, Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Batavia	Tikarang	Thurs, Dec. 30, 11.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, & Europe via Victoria, B.C. and Europe via Siberia (letters and postcards specially superscribed via Siberia only)	Pres. Jefferson	Thurs, Dec. 30, Parcels noon, Registration 2.45 p.m., Letters 3.30 p.m. (Due Victoria, B.C., 18th Jan. 1927).
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri, Dec. 31, Noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	St. Albans	Fri, Dec. 31, Letters 8.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island Jan. 15, 1927).
Hoihow and Haiphong	Mingsang	Fri, Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Sinking	Fri, Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Foehsing	Sat, Jan. 1, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Mon, Jan. 3, Parcels noon, Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haihong	Tues, Jan. 4, Noon.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Amazona	Tues, Jan. 4, Registration 1.45 p.m., Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 4th Feb. 1927).

Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SWISS CHEESE.

THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLES.

[By H. Challinor James.]

How do they put the holes into Swiss cheese?

Everybody, of course, knows the music-hall joke about the old woman with one tooth who is supposed to work overtime at the job; but not two persons in a hundred have heard the truth about this little mystery.

Some people have a vague idea that the holes are deliberately created to fill up space; others maintain that they are only inserted for purposes of decoration. Both, however, are a very long way from the truth.

Gravere cheese, or, to be more accurate, Emmenthaler, would be just about as palatable without holes as, say, lager beer without froth. Holes are the hall-mark of quality, and the bigger the holes the better the cheese. In fact, these mysterious constellations are so much in demand for the American market that experts are hard at work "trying to find a formula," as they say at the League of Nations, for making the holes larger and oftener.

It has been said that Swiss cheese is preferred in America because it is so largely used for making sandwiches, and the holes sell just as well as the cheese for this purpose. But every cheese eater in America knows perfectly well that it is not the holes they buy, but the rich, nutty flavour which their presence denotes and which has made Emmenthaler famous all over the world.

The merit of Emmenthaler is due to a very small cause with a very big effect: a tiny microbe which is responsible for the fermentation of the milk before it turns into cheese. With the aid of this benevolent germ the acid salts in the milk are converted into carbonic acid gas, which during the process of manufacture

produces bubbles of different sizes. As the mass cools these gradually evaporate, leaving the cheese pitted with holes.

Switzerland produces about 55,000,000 worth of cheese every year, her chief rival being the United States; where the manufacture of Emmenthaler is said to have reached a high standard. After years of research Michigan experts claim to have discovered a process whereby it is now possible to control the size of the holes and market high-grade Emmenthaler at 10d. a pound.

This threat to one of their staple industries has not unduly perturbed the Swiss. Anyone can put holes in cheese, they reply, but not all the dollars ever printed can produce the aromatic Alpine fodder on which Swiss cattle are fed.

A good story is told about a distinguished foreigner who was being shown over one of the largest dairy farms in the Emmenthal. For a time he watched the bubbling cauldrons in silence; then, turning to the dairyman, he asked, "And how do you put the big holes in the cheese afterwards?" "Oh, that's very simple," laughed the farmer. "You just take a hole and put a lot of cheese round it."

On the slope of Mount Scopus, facing the Mount of Olives and Jerusalem, the final resting-place of 2,400 English soldiers will be dedicated by the Prince of Wales next April. The war cemetery has been established there by the Imperial War Graves Commission. More than half the soldiers buried there were members of the London regiments.

New York, Nov. 1.—The Museum of the City of New York to-day opened the "Old New York Exposition." The exhibits were opened to the public for one week. Included in the show are old paintings of George Washington, Aaron Burr and many other prominent Americans of an earlier day. Family heirlooms have been collected for the show that depict the period following the Revolution.

LATE EMPEROR OF JAPAN.



The late Emperor Yoshihito, of Japan, whose death occurred early on Christmas morning.

NEW EMPEROR & EMPRESS.



Above are seen Emperor Hirohito, the new Mikado, and the Empress, who were married in January, 1924. They now succeed to the Throne in consequence of the death of Emperor Yoshihito. The new Emperor was born on April 29th, 1901, and was appointed Regent on November 25th, 1921. The Empress is a daughter of Prince Kuniyoshi Kuni, and there is one daughter by the marriage.

PENNY DREADFUL.

INVENTED BY A GENIUS, SAYS LIBRARIAN.

Virtue has been found in the "Penny Dreadful."

The man who invented it was one of the greatest of literary geniuses, declares Mr. W. C. Berkeley Sayers, chief librarian of Croydon Public Libraries, who has opened a series of lectures under the auspices of the National Book Council on "Reading for the Young."

To a representative of *The Daily Chronicle* he confessed that he was inclined to think that the Penny Dreadful was the main agency in producing the boys' book of adventure which we appreciate to-day.

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"I often hear with amusement," said Mr. Sayers, "that venerable magistrates ascribe deeds which bring boys under their notice as being the result of reading Penny Dreadfuls. These men have surely forgotten their own youth—forgotten the day when they themselves read every Penny Dreadful they could lay their hands on."

"The Penny Dreadful has action, a hero of marvellous courage and gifts, a villain who is most obviously a villain, while virtue always triumphs and vice falls ignominiously. I believe the Penny Dreadful has been, on the whole, a sound, moral influence."

"This does not mean," added Mr. Sayers, "that I would encourage the reading of Penny Dreadfuls to-day. They lack style, sometimes even English; they are badly printed and illustrated; they may damage the sense of literary ap-

WORKHOUSE CURFEW.

"6 O'CLOCK TO BED" ORDER.

More West Ham workhouse troubles engaged the attention of the West Ham Police Court, when three men were charged with refractory conduct.

It was stated that the master had ordered the casual ward inmates to go to bed at 6 o'clock because they annoyed the old men. On Saturday night the men now charged refused to do so.

A relieving officer said the order was a matter of disciplinary punishment.

Two of the men, who had previous convictions, were sent to prison for one month's hard labour, and the other to seven days.

R. L. S.'s Penny Dreadful.

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Mr. Sayers produced his 12 best books for children. They are—"Little Women," L. M. Alcott. "Fairy Tales," H. C. Anderson. "Arabian Nights Entertainment."

"Pilgrim's Progress," John Bunyan. "Robinson Crusoe," Daniel Defoe. "Water Babies," Charles Kingsley. "Jungle Book," Rudyard Kipling.

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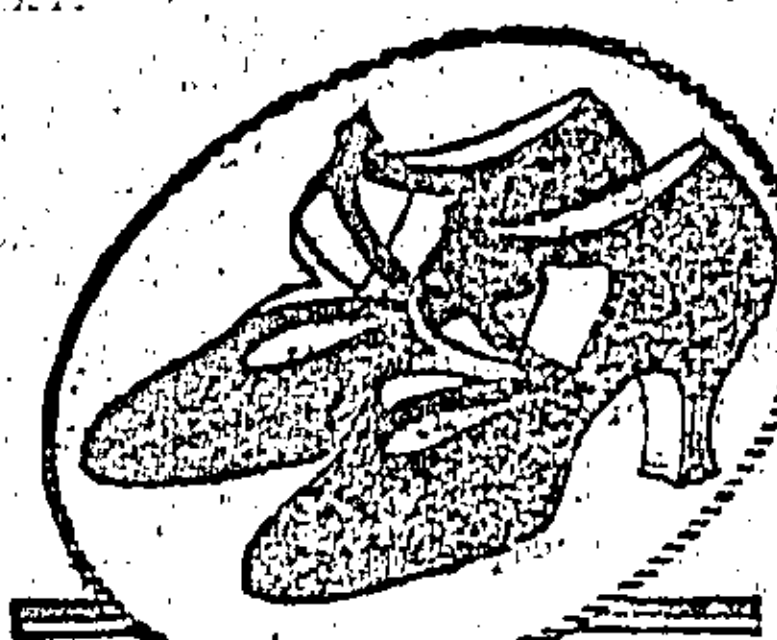
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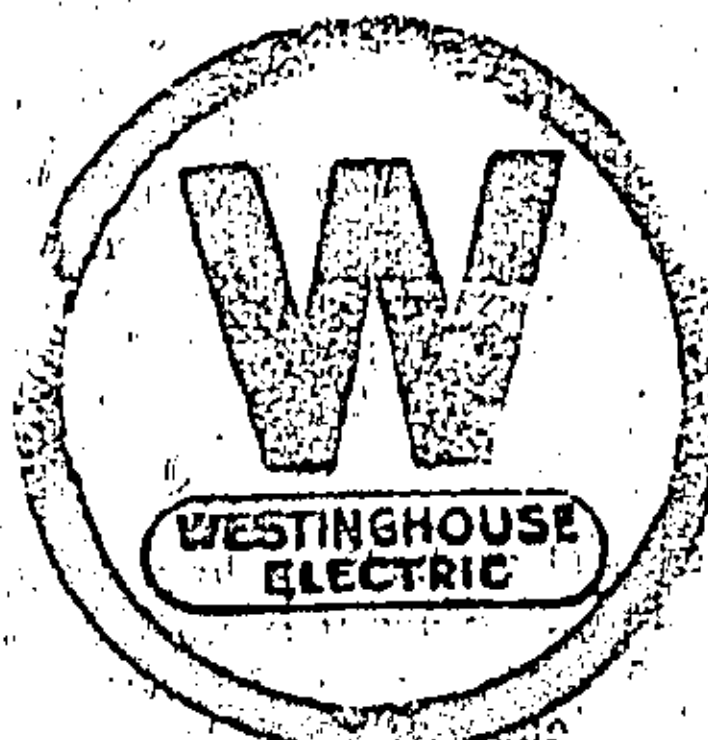
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AMBULANCE COMPETITION.

KING'S COLLEGE WINS
RALPHS SHIELD.

The result of the competition for
the Ralphs Shield, held on the Mur-
ray parade ground on the 12th and
19th December, has just been an-
nounced. Four divisions—King's
College, Y. M. C. A., Kowloon and
Indian—competed, and King's Col-
lege beat Y. M. C. A. for first place
by the narrow margin of eight
points.

The judges were Lt. Colonel
Boylan Smith, D. S. O., O. B. E.,
M. D.; R. A. M. C. Major Steven-
son, R. A. M. C.; Dr. Milward and
Dr. Moore, Acting District Sur-
geon.

Division	Drill, First Total	Aid etc. (12th Dec.)	Aid etc. (19th Dec.)
1. King's College	228	342	571
2. Y. M. C. A.	221	342	563
3. Kowloon	180	281	461
4. Indian	192	268	460

The Shield has accordingly been
awarded to the King's College
Division. The work in all Divi-
sions was worthy of great praise.

BATTLE WITH V. C.

ALLIES WHO THOUGHT THEY
WERE ENEMIES.

Both Capt. Rignot and Lieut.
Coste who recently flew to Cal-
cutta won high distinction in the
French Air Service during 1914—
1918, and Lieut. Coste tells a re-
markable story of how the fortune
of war brought about his meeting
with the famous Capt. Ball, V. C.,
and an exchange of official hon-
ours.

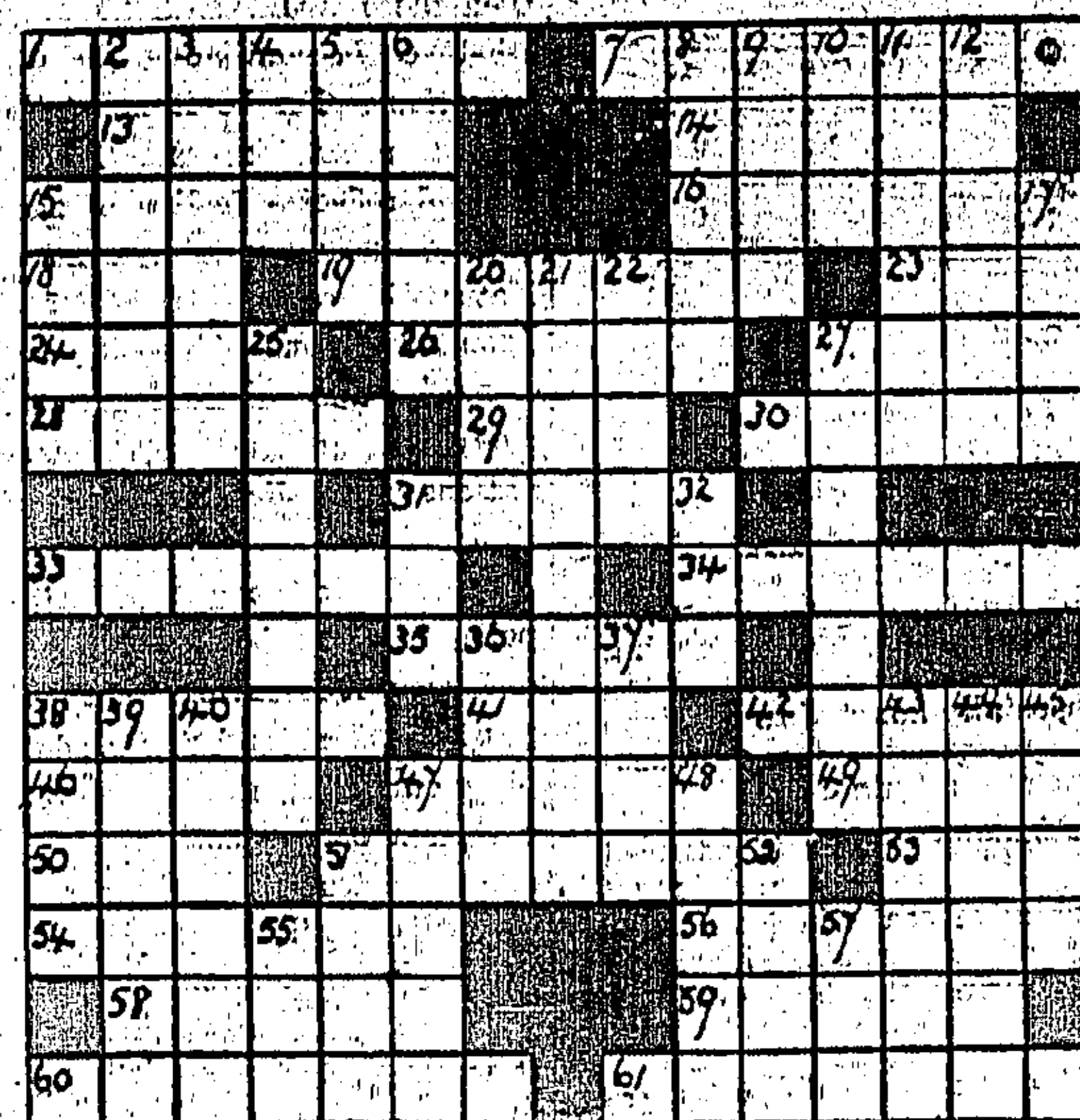
At that time Lieut. Coste was an
N.C.O. in the French Air force.
His first encounter with the
British ace was in the air amid a
shower of "Archie" shrapnel, and
each thought he recognised in the
other a Hun bent on destruction.
The result was an immediate as-
sumption of an offensive by both.
Coste's machine, a Spad, was
equipped with three machine guns.
He dived in attack showering
Ball's machine with a hail of
bullets. The Britisher replied
with a fusillade of lead, and the
aerial duel was prolonged as each
manoeuvred for a position from
which to deliver the coup de grace.
At last Ball, with rapid sweep
poured in such heavy fire that the
top wings of the Spad were ripped
from the machine, but Coste, at
the same moment disabled his ad-
versary's plane so that both fell
earthwards together landing,
fortunately, behind the French
lines.

It was a dramatic moment when
each, uninjured, climbed out of his
wrecked machine, and with revolv-
ers drawn made to continue the
fight. But there was a mutual re-
cognition of uniform, and the two
"fraternised" as heartily as they
had so recently fought. Recom-
mendations to the respective offi-
cials were made by the "adver-
saries" and in due course, for
gallantry in the air, Capt. Ball
received from the French the
Croix de Guerre, and Lieut. Coste
was awarded the D.C.M. by the
British.

During the war Lieut. Coste
"strafed" no fewer than seventeen
Hun aeroplanes, and he was never
hit.

Capt. Rignot served at first in
an infantry regiment and as the
result of two bullet wounds in the
spine was paralysed. When he
recovered he joined the air force
and was wounded three times.
He has been awarded nine medals.

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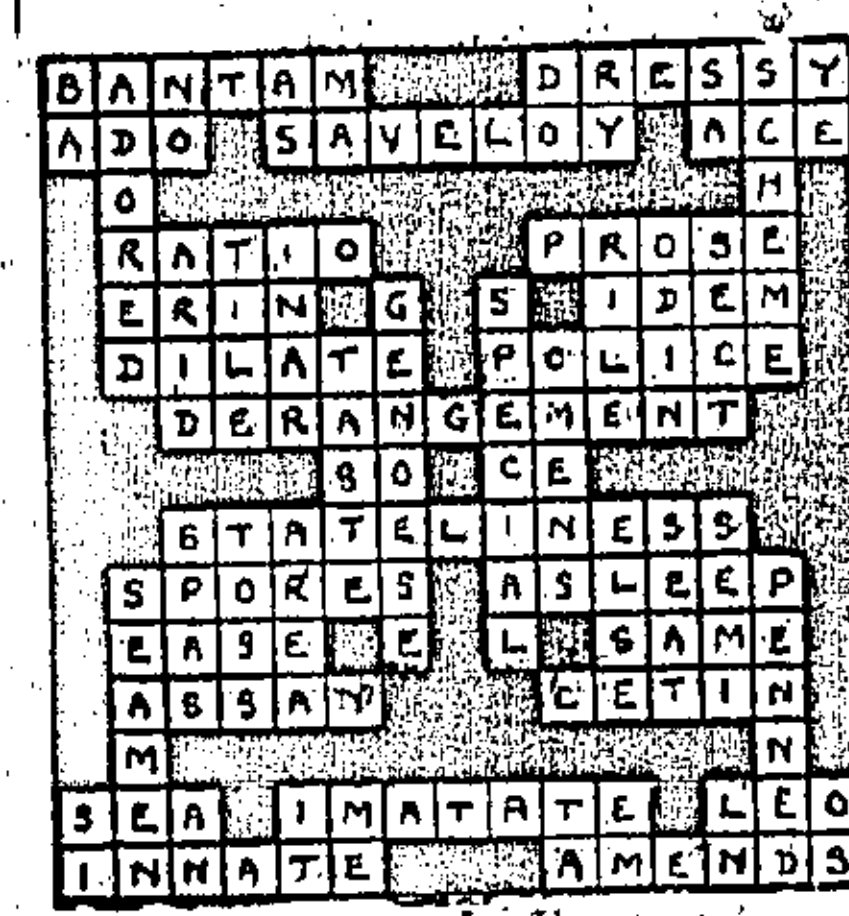
- Second to none.
- Proceeding by steps.
- Shower of action.
- To love.
- Scotch spelling of orbit (plural).
- Crude mixtures of minerals.
- Bribe.
- Symbolic banner.
- Fuss.
- Wild goat.
- French gold coin.
- Conception.
- Tea-growing Province.
- Branch of Army (old title).
- Entirely.
- Prefix meaning straight.
- Innings played.
- Smoothed out.
- Ordain.
- Settled tendency.
- Beverage.
- Head of family (plural).
- Black.
- Upset.
- Famous dandy.
- Difficult.
- Incase.
- Royal Society of Arts.
- Part of soldiers uniform.
- Escaped.
- Ring.
- Spanish title.
- Examining.
- Occupants.

Down.

- Mohammedan officials.
- Lashings securing boats.
- Allow.
- Indigo.
- Of the nose.
- A thin dress.
- First man.
- A piece of wood.

- Fleet of war ships.
- One who reads.
- A continent.
- To saturate.
- Wild animal.
- Breeds crickets.
- Plenty.
- Yellow dye.
- A nationality.
- Poem.
- A scrap.
- Part of neck.
- Member of ancient race.
- Pile.
- To draw away.
- Covered stalls.
- Porgive.
- Declare.
- Fish.
- Brightness.
- Pronoun.
- Half.
- Level.
- Small bird.
- Collection of person's sayings.

Friday's Puzzle.



RAILWAY DISASTER.

TWENTY KILLED IN EXPRESS
COLLISION.

Rockmarts, Ga., Dec. 24.
Twenty people were killed and
a number injured in a collision
between two Southern Railway
passenger expresses.

Later.
The accident occurred in a
driving rainstorm. The north-
bound train was laden with pas-
sengers going home for the holi-
days, and was travelling at fifty
miles an hour.
Most of the dead were in a tele-
scoped dining-car and day-coach
of this train.

Rescuers had to use blow
torches to reach imprisoned vic-
tims.—*Reuter's American Service.*

THEATRE FIRE.

THREE FIREMEN MISSING.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.
Five firemen are injured and
three missing as a result of
the collapse of the walls during a
theatre fire. The damage is esti-
mated at \$9,125,000.—*Reuter's*
American Service.

CHINA'S WAR.

SHANTUNG FORCES PREPARE
FOR ACTION.

Peking, Dec. 24.
A message from Tsingtao says
the Pohai squadron and eight
Shantung army corps are actively
preparing for going south against
the Cantonese.

Pi Shou-chen has already left
Tsingtao for Nanking.
The Yi Shih Pao states that the
Kuomintang army in Honan has
linked up with Fang Chung-chieh's
troops and has captured Lung-
menchien, south-east of Loyang.—
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STERN MEASURES.

MEXICAN PRESIDENT
FORBIDS ARMS IMPORTATION.

Mexico City, Dec. 24.
A Presidential decree has been
published prohibiting the import
of all war materials into Mexico
for a period of one year. The decree
includes every kind of firearm and
ammunition as well as poison-gas
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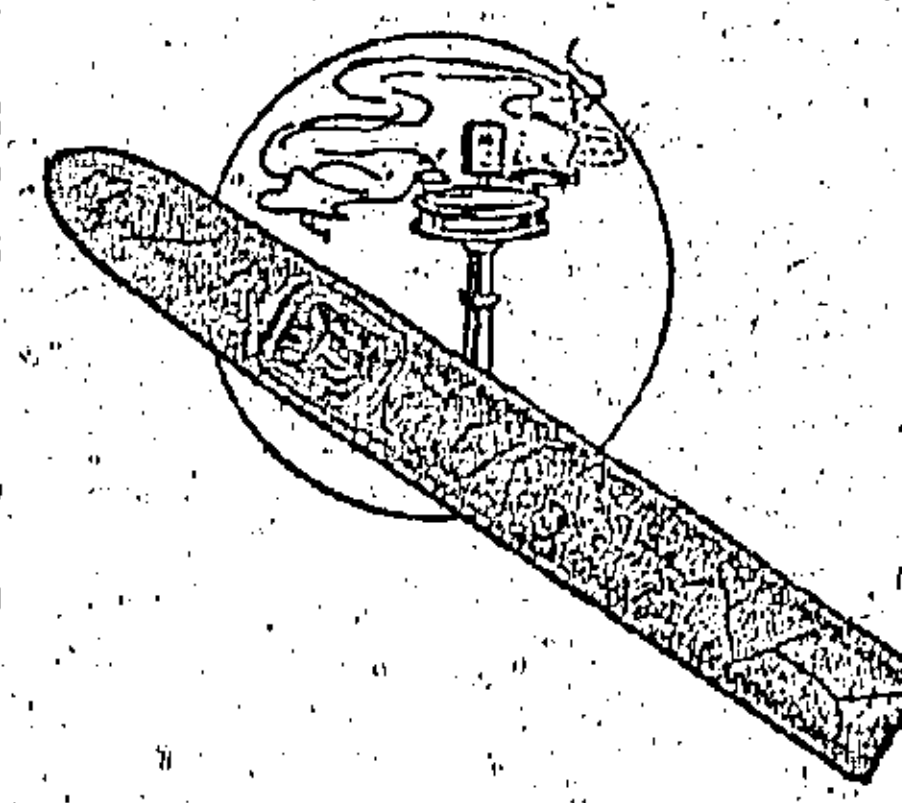
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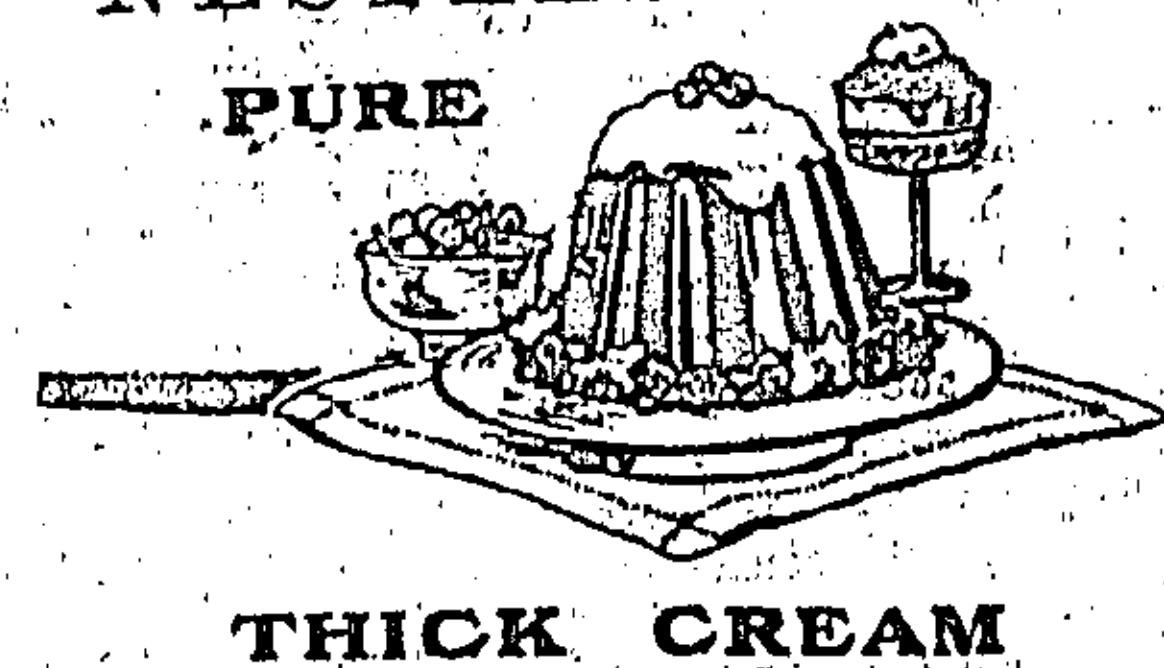
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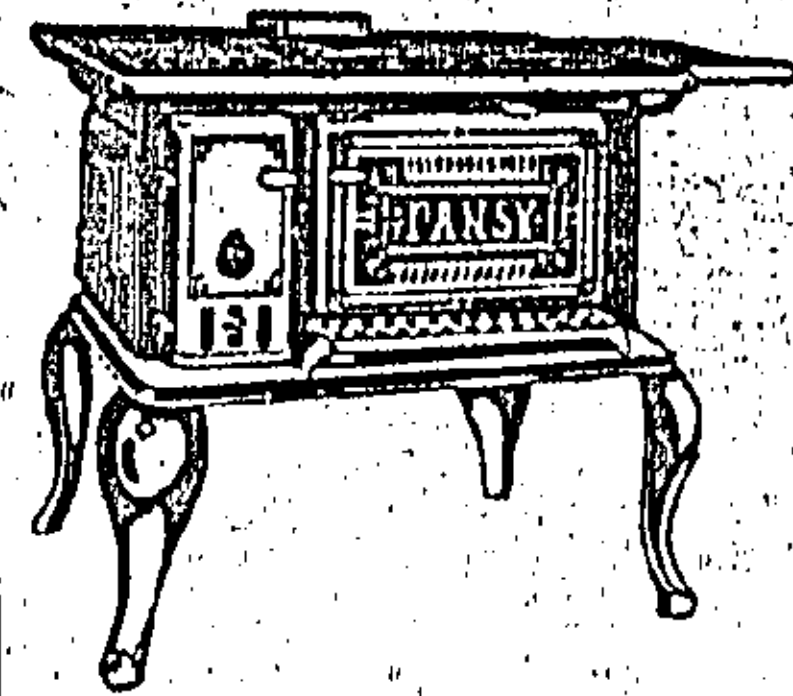
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MARRIAGE.

BARCLAY—MURRAY. — At the
 the Presbyterian Church, Singa-
 pore, on December, 18th,
 1926, John, eldest son of the
 late Dr. John Barclay, Banff,
 Scotland, to Ethel Constance,
 only daughter of Mrs. K. M.
 Murray, of 15, Pembroke
 Road Dublin, and late of
 Ballymead, Ireland.

The Telegraph

MONDAY, DEC. 27, 1926.

UNFORTUNATE.

After reading the recent
 speeches in Hankow by M. Boro-
 din and Mr. Sun Fo, and the com-
 ments by the Peking *People's*
Tribune on the British Memoran-
 dum regarding future policy in
 China, one almost desponds of the
 possibility of reasonable inter-
 course with the Kuomintang. We
 did not, of course, expect any-
 thing but abuse and misrepresen-
 tation from the Soviet envoy, who
 has his own axe to grind, nor per-
 haps need we pay much heed to
 Mr. Sun Fo's diatribe, as he is by
 no means a commanding figure in
 the Nationalist ranks. But when
 the *People's Tribune* professes to
 speak for the Nationalists as a
 whole and says that the British
 proposals are utterly unaccept-
 able, we begin to wonder how far
 this represents the considered at-
 titude of the Kuomintang. If it
 fairly reflects the Nationalist view-
 point, we can see little hope for
 a consummation of that friendship
 which Britain has been at so much
 pains to bring about.

On consideration, we cannot
 bring ourselves to believe that the
 Kuomintang leaders would be so
 short-sighted as to fling back in
 Britain's face the offer of sin-
 cere friendship which has just
 been made. For one thing, the
 contents of the Memorandum are
 not yet known, and although we
 might overlook a rabid Red
 journal prejudging the overtures
 before being fully acquainted with
 their nature, it would seem scarcely
 likely that the Government
 leaders would place themselves in
 such a compromising position.
 Especially would that appear un-
 likely in view of the very cordial
 nature of the recent conversations
 between Mr. Miles Lampson and
 Mr. Eugene Chen, which, we have
 been given to understand, are to
 be resumed in the near future.
 If the Nationalist leaders general-
 ly subscribe to the bitter attitude
 adopted by the journal named,

then there would seem no utility
 whatever in continuing the con-
 versations. For be it noted that
 the comments of the *People's*
Journal reflect a feeling of sheer
 enmity. It will certainly avail the
 Nationalist cause nothing if it
 adopts the stand of viewing with
 suspicion and distrust any and
 every overture made by foreign
 nations in the direction of friend-
 ship.

For all too long, has British
 policy in China been so regarded,
 and when it is obvious that every
 possible effort is being made to
 place our relations with the Chi-
 nese on a better footing, such an
 attitude amounts to little short of
 a childish pettiness for which we
 would give the Nationalist leaders
 more credit. What is even worse,
 it would imply a spirit of enmity
 at any price, and that is a policy
 which even the Kuomintang can
 scarcely afford to adopt in its
 dealings with the Powers. Until
 we have some authoritative state-
 ment of Nationalist opinion on
 the British gesture, we are inclin-
 ed to give its leaders credit for
 more statesmanship than is re-
 flected in the comments under
 notice. But if events show that
 we are too liberal in thinking thus,
 then we can foresee the possi-
 bility of developments of the utmost
 seriousness and gravity.

Japan's Sorrow.

Although by no means unexpect-
 ed, the death of the Emperor of
 Japan will come as heavy blow to
 the Japanese people, who have ever
 been noted for their close attach-
 ment to their sovereign and the
 whole of the Royal House. Indeed,
 it is scarcely too much to say that
 that devotion almost amounts to
 worship, so intense in character is
 it. So to-day Japan is in deep
 mourning for one who has ever been
 loved and whose memory as a
 liberal-minded monarch will be treas-
 ured for many a year. For the
 last five years, the late Emperor
 has been practically an invalid and
 although he had thus been debarred
 from active participation in the
 affairs of State, he always retained
 the love and reverence of his
 many subjects. Since 1921, the
 Crown Prince, who now comes to
 the Throne, has been acting as
 Regent, and he has discharged his
 high responsibilities in a manner
 which promises that he will be a
 worthy successor to his lamented
 father. Some five years ago, the
 new Emperor, as Crown Prince,
 visited England and was received
 there with great enthusiasm, im-
 pressing all with whom he came
 into contact as a modern and pro-
 gressive young man with a high
 sense of his obligations to his coun-
 try. As a former ally of Japan's,
 Britain and the British people
 mourn with the Japanese in their
 hour of sorrow and at the same
 time extend their felicitations to
 the nation in their knowledge that
 the Royal line is being continued by
 a new Emperor and Empress who
 have already endeared themselves
 to the people and under whose bene-
 ficent rule Japan is doubtless des-
 tined to retain her high place
 amongst the Great Powers of the
 world.

CHINESE BISHOPS.

CELEBRATE HIGH MASS IN
BRUSSELS.

Brussels, Dec. 26.
 The Queen, Prince Charles, the
 Chinese Minister and the Aposto-
 lic Nuncio attended a Pontifical
 High Mass which was celebrated
 at the church of St. Michel
 Gudule, by the Chinese Bishops
 visiting Europe.

The service commemorated the
 seventh centenary of the founda-
 tion of the church.

A Chinese bishop officiated at
 evening prayer in the afternoon.—
Reuter.

The jury in the Saikung piracy
 case returned a verdict of guilty
 against the three prisoners, who
 amongst other acts of piracy, were
 also convicted of the murder of an
 Indian guard on the steam launch.
 The case came to a conclusion on
 Friday afternoon, when sentence
 of death was passed by the Chief
 Justice (Sir Henry Gollan). Re-
 sponding to a point submitted by
 the jury which had caused one of them
 to enter a recommendation for
 mercy for the accused, his Lordship
 said that every opportunity had
 been given to the accused to bring
 witnesses forward.

DAY BY DAY.

NEVER THROW MUD. YOU MAY
 MISS YOUR MARK; BUT YOU MUST
 HAVE DIRTY HANDS.—Joseph
 Parker.

It is notified that the name of
 the Mow Fung and Company,
 Limited, has been struck off the
 Register.

Passengers arriving here by the
 Empress of Canada included Mr.
 and Mrs. W. H. Trechard Davis,
 Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee and G. H.
 Potts.

Amongst the passengers who left
 for Manila by the Empress of
 Canada were Dr. A. W. Fearn, Mr.
 and Mrs. F. S. Harrison, and Mr.
 W. Galloway.

Tenders are being invited for
 the reconstruction of Wong Nei
 Cheong nullah, Section No. 4 from
 Chinese Race Stand to open nullah
 south east of Jockey Club Stables.

A qualifying examination for
 appointments of probation clerks
 in Government service is to be in
 Queen's College Hall on Monday
 and Tuesday, January 10th and
 11th, at 9 a.m.

Miss Lim Beng Hong, who arrived
 in Singapore from England re-
 cently after having passed out as
 a barrister, the first woman in
 Malaya to have done so, filed her
 application for membership of the
 local bar in the Supreme Court Re-
 gistry, Penang, on December 9.

The Straits Settlements Associa-
 tion, in Singapore, recently held a
 ballot for a member to succeed Mr.
 William Dunman on the Municipal
 Commission. There were two can-
 didates (Mr. John Laycock and Mr.
 C. C. Dunman), the former being
 chosen by 238 votes to 188.

The wedding took place at the
 Presbyterian Church, Singapore,
 on the 18th instant, of Mr. John
 Barclay, son of the late Dr. John
 Barclay, of Banff, Scotland, and
 Miss Ethel Constance Murray,
 until recently a nursing sister in
 the Hongkong Government service.

Patrick Murphy, a gunner in the
 12th Heavy Battery of the Royal
 Artillery, died at the Military Hos-
 pital, at Bowen Road, on Thurs-
 day from the effects, it is believed,
 of a bite from a rabid dog. A post-
 mortem examination confirmed the
 opinion in regard to the cause of
 death. The funeral took place at
 the Cemetery on Friday morning,
 the deceased being interred with
 full military honours.

The Bishop of London is to-day
 visiting Canton and will return to
 the Colony to-night. To-morrow
 he is to address the quarterly ser-
 vice of the Mothers' Union in St.
 John's Cathedral, will attend the
 reception by the Victoria Diocesan
 Association in the City Hall at
 4.15 p.m., whilst at night he will
 be the guest of honour at the
 Oxford and Cambridge dinner in
 the Hongkong Hotel.

The Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey,
 who has been appointed Minister in
 the Wanchai Wesleyan Church, ar-
 rived in Hongkong by the P. and
 O. Kalyan. The new minister
 is a member of the Wesleyan
 Methodist Foreign Mission Council
 at Home, and a fact of considerable
 local interest is that he is a brother
 of Rear-Admiral Knight Anstey,
 R.N., who at one time served at the
 China Station.

The Health Bulletin of Eastern
 Ports issued by the League of
 Nations for the week ended
 December 18 shows the following
 cases of infectious diseases:
 Plague, Mauritius eight cases,
 Reunion one, Colombo one, Soura-
 baya one and Bangkok three.
 Cholera, Calcutta 51 cases, Nega-
 patam nine, Rangoon one, Singa-
 pore one, Tourane eight, Bangkok
 one. Small pox, Aden one case,
 Bombay six, Calcutta 97, Nega-
 patam one, Madras nine, Singapore
 two and Shanghai one.

The death has occurred in
 Portugal of the well-known
 Malayan proprietary planter and
 miner, Mr. W. Kellie Smith. Mr.
 Kellie Smith, who resided in
 Malaya for many years and had
 extensive property at Batu Gajah,
 was originally an engineer, and
 built the section of the F.M.S. Rail-
 way from Kampar to Teluk Anson.
 Subsequently he took up coffee
 planting and later, in the early
 days of the rubber industry, he was
 one of the first to become interest-
 ed in the new product. He was
 the owner of the old Kellas estate.
 Mr. Kellie Smith was prominent-
 ly connected with both the rubber
 and tin industries, and was prob-
 ably the most successful Euro-
 pean proprietary planter and miner
 in the country.

INDIA'S POLITICS.

OPENING OF NATIONAL
CONGRESS.

Gauhati, Assam, Dec. 25.
 Finding that the delegates from
 Bengal, Bihar and Assam are in
 command of an overwhelming
 majority of the Indian National
 Congress, opening on December
 26, which owing to its propinquity
 will be the meeting place, the Res-
 ponsivists have decided not to fight
 this session, but to watch de-
 velopments in the hope that the
 Swarajists themselves will modify
 their policy during the first year's
 working of the new legislatures.

Mr. Bhopatkar, President of the
 Responsivists, has telegraphed
 from Poona declaring that boycot-
 ting the Councils has been tried
 and found wanting, and that ob-
 struction has been found wrong
 in principle and pernicious in
 practice.

Ghandi has arrived.
 There is an indication that the
 Congress session will be a tame
 affair of Swarajist domination.—
Reuter.

NATIONALISTS CONGRESS DEMANDS.

Gauhati, Dec. 26.
 There were 2,500 delegates and
 8,000 visitors present at the open-
 ing of the Nationalist Congress,
 which for the first time was held
 in Assam.

Srinivasa Iyengar, the ex-Advo-
 cate General of Madras, in a Presi-
 dential address, asserted that no
 scheme of self-Government would be
 acceptable which denied full con-
 trol of the Civil Services, and the
 military, naval and air forces,
 political relations between Indian
 States, and which refused India a
 Dominion status on the same terms
 as were determined at the Imperial
 Conference. Iyengar advocated a
 cultural and business association be-
 tween Asiatic countries and prom-
 ised full support to Indians striving
 for equal status overseas.

The Swarajist leader, Motilal
 Nehru, moved a continuance of the
 policy involving non-acceptance of
 Government offices, the refusal of
 supplies and the rejection of the
 Budget.

A Member of the Assembly, Mr.
 Phookan, while admitting that Bri-
 tish rule had brought some improve-
 ment, charged the Government with

CANTON AFFAIRS.

CARGOES TO BE RELEASED.

At a meeting of the Committee
 of the Provincial Government,
 held in Canton, the following three
 resolutions were passed:

1.—The cargoes of the three
 China Merchants' steamers,
 Kwong Lee, Hsin Hua, and Tai
 Shun, are permitted to be dis-
 charged under the direction of a
 special commission to be composed
 of deputies of the Departments of
 Industry, of Labour and of
 Farmers, and representatives of
 the China Seamen's Union and the
 cargo-owners, with the deputy of
 Industry Department as Chairman.
 2.—A Farmers' Bank is to be
 established under the auspices of
 the Departments of Industry,
 Labour, Farmers, and Finance
 with the Commissioner of Indus-
 try as Chairman.
 3.—A gazette to be issued
 monthly, in which the reports of
 the various Departments are to be
 published in full.

JAVA REVOLT.

THREE DEATH SENTENCES.

Batavia, Dec. 25.
 The court has passed the death
 sentence on three men who tried
 to stir up rebellion, one of whom
 murdered a policeman.

One other rebel has been con-
 demned to life imprisonment and
 one to twenty years' imprisonment.
 —*Reuter.*

poisoning the people of Assam by
 carrying out an immoral traffic in
 opium.—*Reuter.*

A HUGE DEMONSTRATION.

Delhi, Dec. 25.
 Hundreds of thousands of
 Hindus, including members of the
 "untouchable" class, attended the
 funeral of Swami Shradhanand.
 A huge demonstration followed
 the cremation. The proceedings
 were orderly, except for a few
 minor incidents, in connection
 with which six Mohammedans were
 arrested for stone-throwing.—
Reuter.

The Very Idea!

The island that floats on the
 surface of the Lake Orion, at
 Michigan, for part of the year,
 and then sinks out of sight for
 a few months still is puzzling
 scientists.

It appears regularly about the
 middle of each August. It will
 float until about the middle of
 February and then sink. Efforts
 to control its actions have ended
 in failure. Since it is not wanted
 in the lake, attempts have been
 made to end its career by loading
 it with tons of stones. This
 month, however, finds it still dry-
 ing on the surface.

Another island with a spirit of
 adventure is the one in Henry's
 Lake near Targee Pass in the
 Rockies. Adventurers who have
 landed on it without knowledge
 of its roving habits have awak-
 ened in the morning to find them-
 selves miles from where they were
 the night before.

He started up his motor and
 all traffic soon was blocked.
 The blamed thing ran hap-
 hazard cause
 His steering wheel was
 locked.

It is as objectionable a gesture
 to tip the barber who shaves you
 as to tip the coloratura soprano
 who sings for you. So decrees
 the Barber Supply Dealers' Asso-
 ciation in America, in high and
 solemn convention. Neither beau-
 ty workers nor barbers should be
 tipped for their work, elaborated
 the convention, because they are
 artists with it creative touch.

Tipping has grown to continen-
 tal proportions in America, where
 they tip the waitress, the shoe
 shiner, the paper boy, the porter,
 the taxi-driver, the head waiter,
 until our tipping is a sizeable part
 of our budget—and a nuisance.
 "Good for the barber dealers!
 Long may their propaganda
 spread!" A lot of folks will
 shout.

"Tommy, you can't seem to get
 anything right to-day."

"The world's champion slump
 occasionally, sir," responded the
 office boy, mildly.

"Silly" Haddenham, in rural
 Buckinghamshire, is a lazy man's
 paradise. For years the village
 has been the scene of a serious
 sex war. The women think the
 men are lazy and undertake all
 the schemes themselves. The wo-
 men recently gave a flower show.
 Next year, says Mrs. Mary Dod-
 well, chief organizer, if the men
 behave themselves they will be
 allowed to look after the tea tables
 at the show.

Elkhart High School, Kansas,
 claims this year's honours for the
 largest football player of the
 state. The player is John "Tiny"
 Moore, 20, and captain of the
 team. "Tiny" is six feet two
 inches tall, and when "up to nor-
 mal", as he puts it, makes the
 scales groan at 309 pounds. Just
 now the youth is underweight and
 only makes 298. The loss he ac-
 counts for by stating he worked
 the harvest fields last summer.

Moore has difficulty in getting
 a football uniform to fit him as
 he wears size 48 pants. Then
 after he gets them he has more
 trouble keeping them in stock as
 he wears out two or three pair
 each season.

To be a style leader, a man has
 only to study fashions of 25 years
 ago and take suggestions from
 them, according to Adolpho Men-
 jou. Men's styles run in cycles of
 almost exactly 25 years, accord-
 ing to the screen star. Therefore,
 if a man keeps his clothes long
 enough, they are bound to return
 to style again.

A story goes about Broadway
 concerning an actor who arrived
 late for a rehearsal. The stage
 director began to get a little harsh
 when the actor interrupted with:
 "Say, wait a minute. I can ex-
 plain everything. I was on my
 way to the theatre when I was
 taken suddenly and unexpectedly
 drunk."

EMPEROR DIES.

JAPAN'S ROYAL LOSS.

ACCESSION OF REGENT.

As was expected in view of the grave news which was received on Christmas Eve, His Imperial Japanese Majesty, Emperor Yoshihito, has passed away. Death took place at an early hour on Christmas morning.

The telegrams which told of the approaching end and death were:

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

The Emperor is fighting for breath. An important announcement is expected momentarily.

It is officially announced that the opening of the Diet has been postponed until December 26.—*Reuter.*

Tokyo, Dec. 25.

His Imperial Majesty, the Emperor, died at 1.25 this morning.—*Reuter.*

LAST SCENES.

Tokyo, Dec. 26.

The Empress, Prince Regent, Crown Princess, the Premier and others were present at the bedside when the Emperor breathed his last.

A sacred ceremony was held later at Hayama at which the Regent's accession to the Throne was formally announced.

The Diet opening has been postponed.

Owing to the suspension of commercial business, it is feared the Emperor's death will strike a heavy financial blow, as the year end is always very busy.—*Reuter.*

LATE EMPEROR'S CAREER.

The late Emperor Yoshihito was 47 years of age, having been born in Tokyo on August 31st, 1879. He was the 122nd Emperor of Japan, being third son of the Emperor Meiji (Mutsuhito). The Prince was not strong during his early life and Marquis Tadayasu Nakayama and Marquess Nakayama were appointed his guardians.

On the eighth anniversary of his birthday the Prince was proclaimed heir apparent, the first and second sons of the Emperor Meiji having died in infancy. In September 1887 the Prince commenced attending the Peers' School and on Nov. 5, 1889 he was declared Imperial Crown Prince.

In 1892 the Crown Prince was appointed to the rank of a first lieutenant in the Imperial army, and two years later left the Peers' School to continue his studies at the Palace under private tutors. In 1895 he was promoted to the rank of captain, and in 1897 took his seat in accordance with prescriptive right, in the House of Peers.

In 1898 he was promoted to the rank of major of infantry and appointed a lieutenant-commander in the Imperial Navy. On May 10, 1900 the Crown Prince married Sadako, fourth daughter of the late Prince Michitaka Kuroki, and on April 29, 1901 a son, Hirohito, was born, followed by a second son, Prince Yasuhito, on June 25, 1902, and a third, Prince Nobuhito, on January 3, 1905.

In 1903 the Crown Prince was promoted colonel in the army and captain in the navy and in 1909 lieutenant-general and vice-admiral. On July 30, 1912, at the moment of the demise of his father, the Crown Prince ascended the throne, but, owing to the national mourning, the formal ceremony of enthronement did not take place until November, 1914. In the following year a fourth son, Prince Takahito, was born on December 2nd.

For the past five years, the Emperor has been an invalid, and has not taken part in any public life.

THE NEW EMPEROR.

The new Emperor, who was the first son of the late Emperor, was born on April 29, 1901. Leaving school in 1914, he continued his education under private tutors. He was given the title of Crown Prince in November, 1916, attained his majority in May, 1919, and was appointed Regent on November 25, 1921.

Upon formal completion of his education, he set out on the European tour, in fulfilment of the wish of the late Emperor, and this he accomplished with marked ability and success. A memorable incident of the tour was the Prince's reception at the Guildhall, where

CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

HOW IT WAS SPENT.

Christmas in Hongkong has been more like unto the legendary Christmas of snow with which we are all familiar than any Christmas for a good many years past. Hongkong awoke on Christmas morning to experience a most decided drop in the temperature, and on Christmas night and early the next morning the Royal Observatory returned the temperature as being 43—a really cold atmosphere by reason of the high northerly wind blowing. Up at the Peak, the thermometer fell to 37 degrees, which was a little too cold to be comfortable.

But, although cold, the weather has been gloriously fine, wholly conducive to a pleasant and healthful holiday.

Hongkong has spent its Christmas quietly, as is its wont. Late shopping was finished on Christmas Eve, and there were a fair number of private parties held. On Christmas morning, there were large attendances at the various churches, and a seasonal touch was given to the ships in port by the fastening of "Christmas Trees" to the mast-heads. There was a good attendance of golfers at Fanling during the day, but the cold weather and hard ground mitigated against good golf. In the afternoon, at Happy Valley, an international football match, between teams representing Portugal and China, was played, a large crowd attending.

Christmas night was given over to indoor parties, many private social gatherings taking place.

Yesterday, which was again gloriously fine, there were further large attendances at Church.

To-day is being observed as a general holiday and, in addition to special golfing competitions and a holiday cricket match, there is another international football match taking place between England and Scotland.

On Christmas Eve about twenty boys of the Diocesan Boys' School went to the Bishop's House, St. Paul's College, where the Right Reverend the Bishop of London was dining, and sang carols, accompanied by handbells. Mr. F. Mason conducted and at the beginning and end of the singing Mr. E. C. Thomas played a peal on eight tubular bells. It is hoped that the School will develop the art of bell-ringing and thus add to its many activities.

On Christmas Day, the Headmaster and Mrs. Featherstone, the resident staff and the thirty-six boarders remaining in School for Christmas had tiffin together, and later, together with half of the School servants, went to the Circus at Kowloon, an event which was greatly enjoyed.

Arming themselves with a chopper and screw drivers, four robbers entered a dwelling house at Kowloon City yesterday and stole money and jewellery to the value of \$181.

Joan Douglas, the little daughter of Mr. Douglas, of No. 59, The Peak, was bitten by a black and white terrier dog whilst walking near Jardine's Corner, on the Peak, yesterday. She was later treated by Dr. Black.

Diwan Mengel Sen was again remanded for two more days, when appearing before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on an application for his repatriation to India on charges of forgery and criminal breach of trust. Sergt. Elston said he still had no news from India.

No recruits for the Grenadier Guards will be accepted in future. The Daily Chronicle is informed, unless they are 6 feet high or over. The present minimum is 5 feet 10 inches. One of the battalions is now 27 over strength, and many recruits offer themselves every day, service in the Guards Battalions becoming more and more popular.

over 1,000 distinguished guests gathered to give him greeting. Prince Hirohito when on his visit to Europe called at Hongkong on the way. He was appointed Regent in November, 1921 on account of the Emperor's illness. His engagement to Princess Masako Kuni-no-Miya was formally sanctioned in June of 1922, and the marriage followed in due course. A daughter was born a few months ago.

CHINA'S TREATIES.

SUGGESTED MODE OF REVISION.

SPEECH BY DR. C. C. WU.

Dr. Wu Choa-chu, M.A., LL.B., son of the late Dr. Wu Ting-fang and formerly Minister of Foreign Affairs in the Southern Government and Mayor of Canton, was the speaker at a tiffin at the Union Club of China in Shanghai on the 21st instant, there being a very good attendance of members and their friends.

"Speaking as a citizen of China and a member of that political party which is being spoken about so often nowadays, the Kuomintang, will you please allow me to say that we, as a party and as a nation, want to be friends with all foreign nations," said Dr. Wu (Applause). "We have no exclusion or jealousy with any single country. We want to be friends with everybody. As individuals, as a party and as a nation we want to have as many friends as possible."

"Unfortunately, there is a certain obstacle to complete the friendship between China and the great Powers. I refer to the treaties. One of the Shanghai foreign dailies took me to task a few days ago, on account of an indiscreet speech I made recently. In that, I tried to give the Chinese point of view in regard to the treaties. I not try to incite anti-foreignism, as I was accused of. It is foolish to conceal from ourselves 'facts' and facts that foreigners have to face in the Chinese attitude towards the so-called unequal treaties."

"When analyzed, these are reduced to two privileges—extraterritoriality and a conventional tariff. They are no doubt valuable privileges for foreigners in China, but when we come to look closely in these days, their importance is greatly over-emphasized. Conditions now are very different from 80 or 90 years ago. The privileges of extraterritoriality have not been able to prevent foreigners from having to remove almost wholesale from Chinese cities in the interior. The conventional tariff has not been able to give foreigners in the last two or three years as much business and profit as they would like and, indeed, it has caused considerable losses to some foreign firms. You will agree with me that these privileges which looked so very valuable 80 years ago are not so important or valuable to-day and, with the present tide of rising nationalism in China, these treaties are obstacles to cordial friendship which we should like to see exist."

REVISION NEEDED.

"I think you agree with me also that the fundamental alteration or revision of the old treaties is necessary. The question has often been asked me 'What can we do now? There is no government in China. If we want to make the changes, who shall we negotiate with?' Pertinent questions indeed. In regard to this point I have a practical suggestion to make. It seems to me that the foreign Powers may do one or both of these two things."

"If there is a government which controls a portion of China and which you think will control the whole of China one of these days you can at once come to an understanding with that government on a regional basis or a declaration can be made by the foreign governments that, as soon as a government exists in China recognized by the whole of the country and able to maintain peace and order throughout the Republic, you will at once make the alterations in the treaties which the Chinese people desire."

TWO ADVANTAGES.

"That mode of declaration has been resorted to before and has these two advantages. In the first place, it is not necessary for 16 to 20 big and small Powers to come to an agreement before anything can be done; any one country can make a declaration of policy. In the second place, there is always the suspicion in the Chinese mind that the foreigner is rather reluctant to give up the old privileges so if a foreigner or any foreign country can make a declaration, vis-a-vis of these treaties, it would remove the last obstacle to friendship and a substantial understanding." (Applause).

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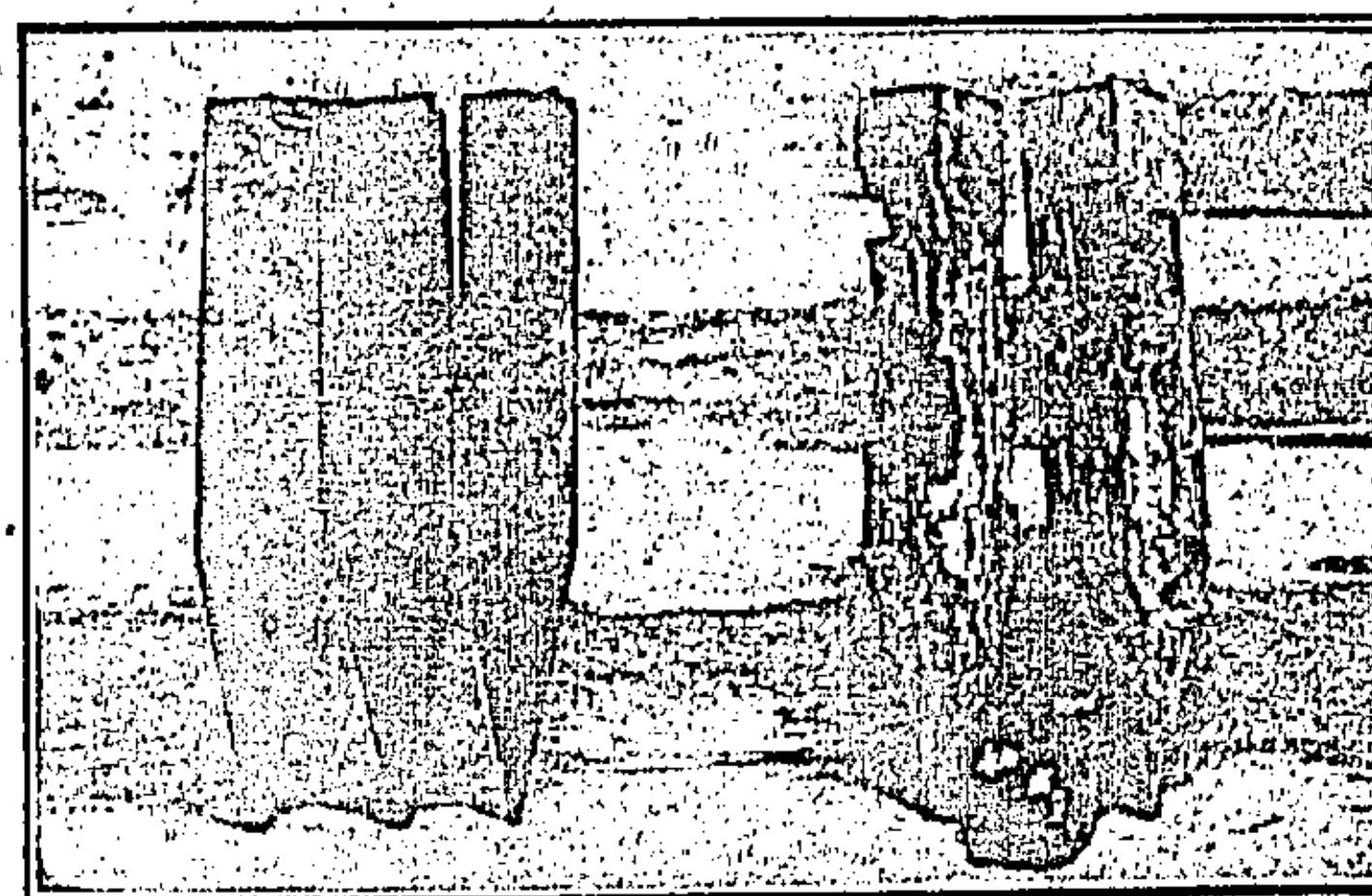
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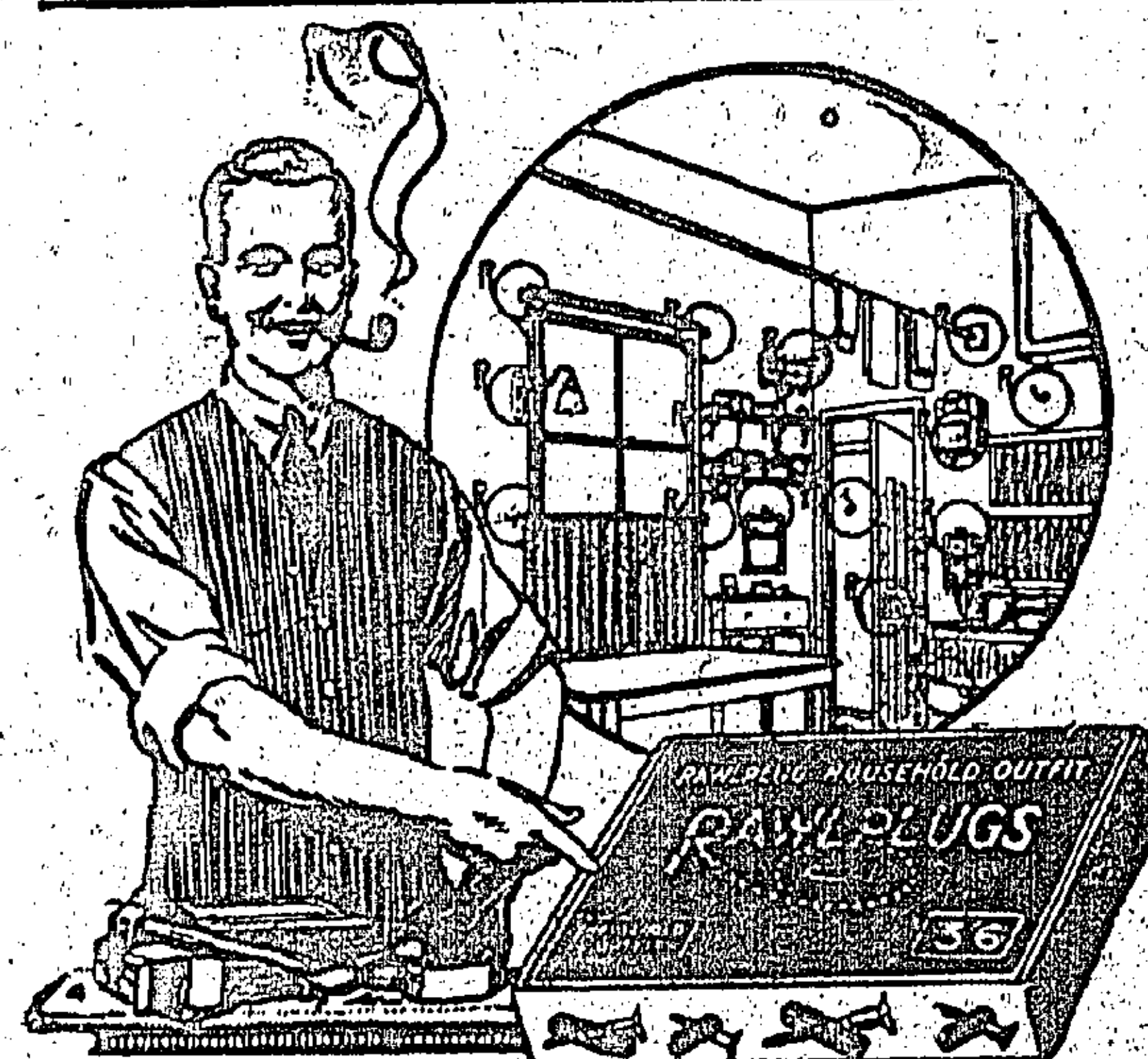
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In "Let's Go to the Pictures" (Chatto and Windus, 7s. 6d.), Miss Iris Barry has written a pungent and provocative book which will, I fancy, arouse a hullabaloo in the hullabaloo-world of the cinema. That is, if the movie-mind can see through it, for it is a case of saving us from our friends.

Miss Barry is one of the four serious film-critics we have. She knows its range and limitations; she knows its technique. Necessarily she talks to this young and noisy trade as a woman of intelligence would talk to a boastful boy; in somewhat acid tone, cruel to be kind. Listen!

Never let us forget that the cinema audience is nothing if not uncritical.

The cinema exists for the purpose of pleasing women.

We come out of the pictures soothed and drugged, like sleepers. The theatre is a tonic; the cinema a sedative.

Popular opinion is a lot of lies hoisted in the form of soothing syrup by the film factory to give people false dreams for fear they kick at the true facts.

Biggest that last one, please, and then raise your hullabaloo (film-studios can't hear level tones) and help Miss Barry in her call for pictures that will not insult your intelligence but will stimulate you to use the brains your Creator gave you. At present such pictures are one in two hundred; there is no reason, save your apathy, why they should not be ninety-five in the hundred.

A Spiritless Trade.

Her purpose in this book is to answer the question, "What's wrong with the films?" and Echo answers it for her—"The films!" In the chapters dealing with mat-

NICARAGUAN REVOLT.

AMERICAN SAILORS LANDED FOR PROTECTION.

Washington, Dec. 24. The State Department has announced that American bluejackets have been landed in the district of Rio Grande, Nicaragua, to protect American life and property. —*Reuter's American Service.*

ters of technique she has much to say that will benefit not only the average producer but also the average picture-goer in helping him and her to form a critical opinion of each picture.

In other chapters she puts some of the pretty "stars" in their places, analyses the foolish conventions upon which scenarios are built, criticises film-critics, and spiritless trade.

Every sensible person sees the possibilities of the screen, not for the purposes of education or nation-boosting, but for the making of things—ephemeral, fragile things, perhaps of beauty. But those possibilities will never be unlocked until the mass of the present practitioners in the "art" are kicked out and replaced by men of brains.

When we have in film-production the standards of intelligence set up in the theatre by Max Reinhardt, Gordon Craig, William Poel, Granville Barker, Nigel Playfair, there will be an immediate movement: great unemployment among the illiterate, an earnest, wholesome atmosphere in film-centres, and a great increase of cinema patrons.

I admit at once that the standards in the average West End theatre fall far below those of the men I have named; but there are theatres where one can see intelligent plays intelligently produced; and there is no cinema that exists solely for the purpose of showing films that satisfy the cultured and sophisticated mind. Nor can there be so long as films are an "industry," backed by commercial speculators and devoted to producing a standardised commodity for the lowest common denominator of mob-intelligence.

TWO MANSIONS DESTROYED.

FIRE FIGHTERS CRAWL ON HANDS AND KNEES.

Two mansions were destroyed by fire in one night at Home recently. Two children who were living at one of the houses—at Fawley, near Southampton—had a narrow escape from death.

This house was occupied by the Agwi Petroleum Company, part being used as offices and the remainder as the home of two of the officials.

A servant was filling an oil stove with paraffin when it burst into flames.

Mrs. Wishart, the wife of the assistant superintendent, ran to the phone to give warning, and then dashed to the bedroom for her children, age 2 and 4.

In spite of the dense smoke she succeeded in getting them to safety.

Mr. C. J. Bristowe, who fought the flames, said: "We attempted to crawl into the house on our hands and knees, but we had to retreat."

The second fire was at Little Bromley Hall, an Essex mansion which dates back 800 years. It is occupied by Mr. Howard Franklin and his family, but at the time of the outbreak only Mrs. Franklin was in the house. One of the oil lamps in use started to smoke, and Mrs. Franklin opened the window to allow the fumes to escape.

A strong wind was blowing, and when Mrs. Franklin, who had gone into another room, returned, she found that the curtains had been blown across the lamp, and that the place was in flames. Valuable furniture, pictures and plate were salvaged.

More than 30 outbreaks of fire have now occurred this year at mansions and country houses.

Mr. Hay Halkett, the Marylebone magistrate, in placing three youths on probation on a charge of theft made it a condition that they should not speak to one another for 12 months. If they failed to comply with the condition, he said, they would be sent to a reformatory or to prison.

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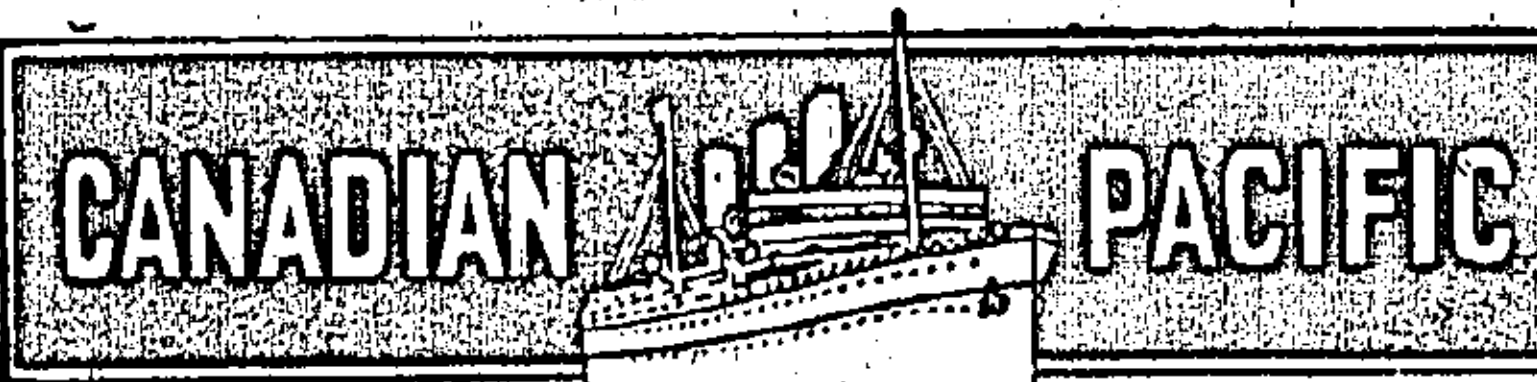
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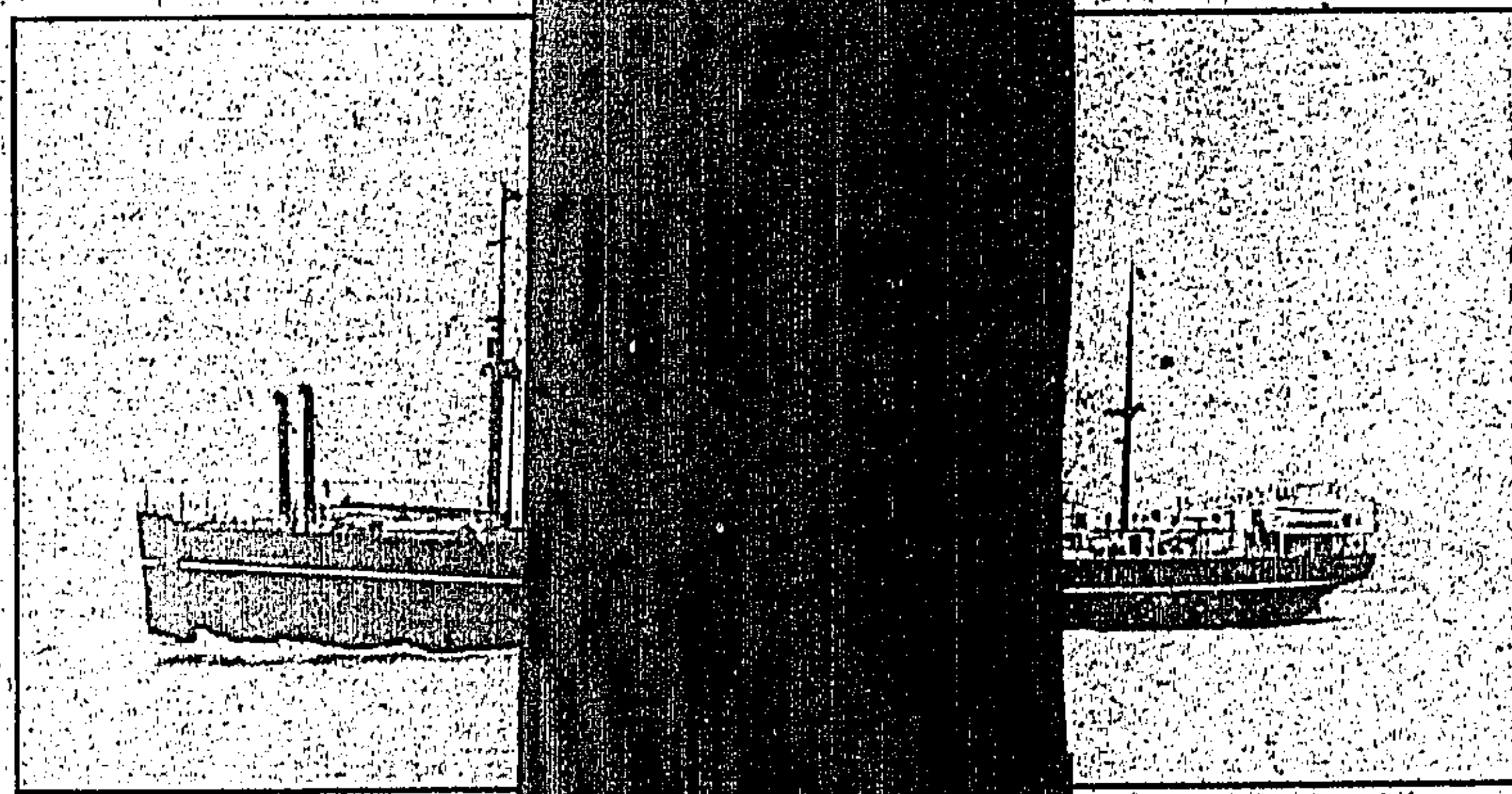
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OSCAR WILDE MYSTERY.

A NEW PLAY DISCOVERED.

Was Oscar Wilde the author of a recently discovered fairy play, "For Love of the King"?

This was the question discussed—26 years after Wilde's death—in an action for libel brought by Messrs. Methuen and Co., Ltd., publishers, against Mr. Christopher Slater Millard, author and bookseller, of Abercorn-place, Hampstead, in the King's Bench Division recently.

The hearing contained passages which Wilde, could he have been present, would have richly enjoyed.

Mr. Merriman, K.C., said that Mr. Millard was at one time well acquainted with Oscar Wilde, and since his death had been regarded as an authority upon his works.

He was also a writer under the pen name of Stuart Mason.

"Stars Like Women's Eyes."

In 1921 Messrs. Hutchinson published in their magazine what they described as a remarkable literary discovery called "For Love of the King," which purported to be by Oscar Wilde. It was prefaced by a letter, written to a Mrs. Chan Toon, and purported to be signed by Oscar Wilde.

Mrs. Chan Toon was the wife of a barrister and had been acquainted with Wilde's family. Later she divorced her husband and became Mrs. Woodhouse Pearce.

The letter which made a gift of the MS. to Mrs. Pearce was as follows:—

I am sending you a fairy play entitled "For love of the King," for your amusement. It is the outcome of a luminous talk with your distinguished husband in the Temple in the days when I was meditating writing a novel as beautiful and as intricate as a Persian praying rug.

I should like to see it acted in your garden house on some night when the sky is a sheet of violet and the stars like women's eyes.

I, who am bathing my brows in the perfume of water lilies, lay myself at the feet of you and yours.—Oscar Wilde.

In 1925, continued counsel, Mr. Millard became obsessed with the idea that the work was not genuine. It appeared that Mrs. Pearce had tried to sell him six letters alleged to be by Wilde, and he at once became convinced that they were forgeries. By a similar process of reasoning, said Mr. Merriman, he became convinced that if these letters were forgeries Mrs. Pearce had forged the play, and he started a campaign which culminated in the libels complained of.

On August 17, continued counsel, Mr. Millard sent to the book-sellers of Great Britain and Ireland a pamphlet containing the following:—

With the assistance of Mrs. Pearce this eminently respectable firm of publishers has succeeded in foisting on an unsuspecting public 1,000 copies of a book at 8s. 6d., which, but for Wilde's name and the imprint of the firm, no one would have paid 8d. for.

Parrot On Shoulder.
 Mr. George Ernest Webster, formerly managing director of Messrs. Methuen, said Mrs. Pearce came to their office to sell them the play.

She was rather eccentric, and had a parrot on her shoulder.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lever, Mr. Webster said that he never saw the original of either the play

VILLA CARLOTTA.

A SYNDICATE FOR ITS MAINTENANCE.

Rome, November 3.—The future of one of the most beautiful and famous places in Italy, Villa Carlotta, on Lake Como, is being much discussed these days. The Lombard Lakes have been enchanted ground for travellers for many generations, and Villa Carlotta possesses most things which go to make up the idealised Italian palace of poetry and romance. Originally it belonged to the Clerici family of Milan. Towards the close of the eighteenth century it passed into the hands of the Somarivans of Lodi, and about fifty years later Count Somariva sold it to Princess Marianne of Prussia, who gave it to her daughter Charlotte on her marriage with Prince George of Saxe-Meiningen.

When Italy joined the allies in 1915, Villa Carlotta was confiscated by the Italian Government, and Italy's possession of it was confirmed by the Treaty of Versailles. But the upkeep of such a villa entailed heavy expense, and to prevent all possibility of a national monument passing again under foreign control, a number of public-spirited citizens of Milan have formed a syndicate called "Ente per la Villa Carlotta."

The syndicate is to take over the property for a period of twenty years, and provide funds for its upkeep. The villa and gardens are to be thrown open to the public, while it is proposed during the summer months to organise a series of concerts, picture shows, theatrical performances, etc., which should add to the attractions of the Italian Lakes for the innumerable visitors of all nations. The Italian Government has given its consent to the project.

or the letter. Women did such curious things, he said, and did not always keep important documents.

Mr. Justice McCardie: Don't stress that too strongly. There are three women on the jury. (Laughter.)

Mr. Lever said that evidently Messrs. Methuen's staff did not agree as to the merits of the play. For Mr. E. V. Lucas described it as "awful tosh."

His Lordship: I have read the play, and there is intensity and colour in it. This sentence struck me in the letter: "I should like to see it acted in your garden house on some night when the sky is a sheet of violet and the stars like women's eyes." That is essentially the Oscar Wilde touch, instinct and colour.

"Meet You On The Lido."

Mr. Edward V. Lucas, chairman of Messrs. Methuen, said he was asked to read the play for publication. He never doubted its genuineness.

Mr. Merriman: You are said to have called it "tosh"?—That was only a conversational remark.

Mr. Lever suggested to Mr. Lucas that it was easy to imitate the style of an author.

Judge: Will you undertake to to-morrow to prepare a passage that anyone could mistake for the work of R. L. Stevenson? (Laughter.)

Mr. Lever said he would attempt to imitate Wilde, and offered the following as an example: "I should like to meet you on the Lido, where the stars are like diamonds on the sapphire sea." (Laughter.)

The case was adjourned.

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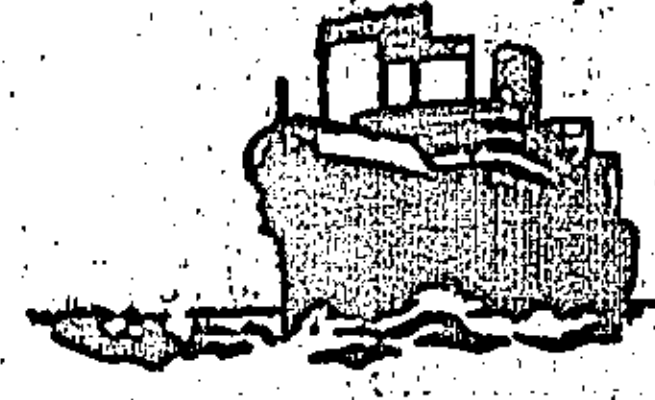
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Electricity from windmills. An official census of insects. The mating of queen bees, and An attempt to produce a new dessert apple.

These are among the fascinating subjects discussed in "Research and the Land" issued recently by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Written by Mr. V. B. Wilkins, assistant principal of the Ministry, it describes recent progress in agricultural science.

Mr. Wilkins describes experiments carried out near Harpenden in the generation of electricity from windmills, and returned a favourable verdict.

Lighting The Villages. The actual working charges, he says, are comparatively low, and adds:

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A wide survey is being made of the soils of the country, including what Mr. Wilkins describes as "the study of the insects" population of the soil, which is not limited to insects properly so-called, but includes other organisms, such as mites, millipedes, centipedes, and earthworms.

The information will be of the utmost value in adding to our knowledge of the habits and life histories of insects and allied organisms, many of which play a valuable role in influencing the soil texture or in helping to feed the plant.

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The conservatism of bees was curiously illustrated in experiments at the West of Scotland Agricultural College, Glasgow. One object is to find out the exact state of the hive when the queen leaves for her mating trip.

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A forceful Christmas Day talk was given by the Lord Bishop of London, the Right Rev. Dr. Winnington Ingram, to a crowded congregation at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday, when he made an earnest plea for more serious and better sustained Church-going.

Members of the congregation began to arrive long before the service started, some of the earliest including military and naval detachments, and many prominent Chinese Christians. Among those present were: His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and Lady Clementi, Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and Lady Pollock, H. E. Major-General C. C. Luard and Mrs. Luard, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy and Mrs. Cressy, Col. and Mrs. Russell-Brown, Capt. A. C. Steele, M.C., A.D.C., and naval and military officers.

The Church was tastefully decorated for the festival with greenery and yellow and white chrysanthemums, those responsible being Lady Pollock, and Mesdames Pattenden, Davidson, King, Murray, and Black.

Prior to the morning service, the Lord Bishop attended Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. The celebrant was the Rev. H. C. Thomas, M.A. (Chaplain to the Bishop of London), and he was assisted by the Revs. V. H. Copley Moyle, M.A., and G. E. S. Updell, M.A., as deacon and sub-deacon respectively.

The Rev. G. E. S. Updell conducted the morning service, the lessons being read by the Revs. W. T. Featherstone, M.A., and V. H. Copley Moyle, M.A.

THE SERMON.

The Lord Bishop took as his text Titus, Chapter III, v. 4:—"And after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared." He said if they wanted to express in a simple sentence the real message of Christmas, they could not find anything better than that text. He went on to refer to the dreadful clouds that existed before the first Christmas Day, and the fear of death that prevailed; also the extraordinary conception of God which people had. They thought somehow that He was a jealous God. There were other weird ideas of God, which tended to lower the whole standard of life, which always led to a low moral life. He cited Russia as an example and pointed to the standard of living in that continent since the leaders had endeavoured to stamp out Christianity. It was wrong even to be properly married there, and the law of free love was saved by the instinct of the women of Russia in the last few months. Marriage was regarded as a mere convenience for a month or two and moral purity was laughed at. Such dark clouds would always be manifest if they tried to lower the idea of God.

Some people were very pessimistic about the after-life, but he was a firm believer that they would enter a life far happier in the world to come. If they were to revolutionise their lives they had to visualise God as the eternal giver, and they had also to understand his humility.

BIGGER CONGREGATIONS.

He knew perfectly well that the congregations at the Cathedral were not always as big as they were that morning, and asked why. If God was true to-day, He would be true next year, and the Church should always be as crowded as it was that morning. He had only one chance to speak to them, but he asked them to think it over. They also had a flourishing Club in Hongkong. The Cathedral should be their spiritual club, where they could come to praise God for His great gifts.

The Lord Bishop, in concluding, paid a high tribute to the work of the missionaries, who needed their support. That day they were asked to support a great missionary work, the Diocesan Schools, and very few would doubt that this cause deserved their generous support. They must not forget that the missionaries were now working in China with their lives in their hands. He asked them to support missionary work and schools that day, and he could not imagine a better object. There should be, he said, a note of purity and a note of kindness

in their lives, especially in the case of young men who came out East and could not afford to get married. It was a great test for them with regard to what they had learnt at school when they had not the home influence. He believed that half the friction between the different races was caused through misunderstanding. In Honolulu, he had found seven races working together harmoniously, and there would be no reason for friction if they would learn that the answer to the kindness of their Saviour was kindness to one another.

At St. Andrew's Church.

There was a very large congregation at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at the morning service yesterday when the Bishop of London preached the sermon.

He took for his text "The most mighty God has spoken." At the outset the Bishop said it gave him the greatest pleasure to speak to a congregation in his mother tongue. There had been many places during his tour where he had had to speak to churchgoers through an interpreter.

He referred to the greatness of God's powers and said He held in His hand twenty million blazing suns, and it was a significant fact that the noted astronomers of the day were notably more deeply religious than those who had not such opportunities for studying the eternity of God's mind as evidenced in His works.

As evidence of God's beauty of mind there was the beautiful view of Hongkong or the lovely land of Japan and other countries. Illustrating the sacrifice and humility of God there was His coming to earth as a child, submitting to all the indignities of earth, of being born in a stable and of being scoffed at and finally put to death.

Emphasising the necessity of making an early decision in regard to religious matters, he said he had come across many cases in America where children had been told by their parents to wait until they were nineteen and then choose their religion. "I call this perfectly wicked," added the Bishop. "The children might as well be told not to use their muscles until they are nineteen."

Referring to a conversation he had with another eminent Church dignitary before he left Home on his world tour, the Bishop said he told him that he had two mottoes, "Take one day at a time and trust the Holy Spirit to see you through" and "Look straight into the Light and you will always have the shadow behind."

Speaking of missionary work, the Bishop of London referred to the excellent educational work they were doing and said that in Africa, for instance, the Government asked the missionaries to help them in the education of natives. Every wise Government was asking this because they knew missionaries were the only people who knew the native mind.

St. Andrew's Church.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay delivered a sermon on the thoughts of Home inspired "by Christmas at St. Andrew's Church on Christmas morning, to a large congregation, when the Church was prettily decorated. Home, he said, was ever a precious word and Christmas was appreciated in the East more than ever because it brought them peculiarly near Home. We were apparently born to colonise and explore the seas, yet we always hoped to return Home. Not a few men had confessed to him that during the first part of their stay in the Colony a tempest of emotion had swept over them. Boreham, in one of his essays, had suggested that homesickness was the only kind of sickness from which the world had benefited. The story was that Morse was invented because the inventor was homesick and wanted to communicate with his mother on the instant.

Homesickness, however, had its dangers and sometimes made people careless and cynical, but they did know that Heaven would be wondrously—homely. Homesickness was natural, for God was the Home of the soul. The observance of Christmas was justified indeed if the merry bells sounded a call to men and women to come Home to the Father's house.

Kowloon Union Church.

Union Church, Kowloon, was well filled on Christmas morning, when the pastor, the Rev. J. Horace Johnstone, preached from the text:—"But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now, at the last year, care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were indeed careful but ye lacked opportunity."—(Philippines IV, v. 10).

SZECHUAN BATTLE

MISSIONARY BADLY WOUNDED.

ANOTHER'S NARROW ESCAPE.

One foreign missionary was wounded through both thighs, his companion suffered a narrow escape, and one woman missionary was caught by disorderly soldiers and forced to see the wounding, possibly the death, of several Chinese soldiers recovering from wounds received in battles between local militarists, in a recent outbreak of hostilities in Luchow, Szechuan province, between rival minor generals. The outbreak took place on the night of December 1, says the Shanghai Times.

Mr. R. W. Howe, the missionary who was wounded, is a Canadian. His condition is not believed to be serious now, though for a few days he was in some danger. His companion at the time was Mr. N. J. Amos, an Australian.

BETWEEN TWO FIRES.

Mr. Amos assisted his friend into the shelter of a Chinese dwelling house, opening off the street in which the two found themselves between the fire of the opposing factions. The lady who was forced to see the slaughter was a Mrs. Sinton. She was out visiting some Chinese friends at the time of the outbreak, fell into the hands of a band of disorderly soldiers when trying to make her return to the mission house, and was the unwilling witness of the death or wounding of already wounded soldiers, who were unable to get away from those engaged in the battle. She eventually reached her home, however, without being personally molested. All are members of the China Inland Mission.

TRAPPED BETWEEN ARMIES.

On the evening of December 1, Mr. Howes and Mr. Amos were visiting friends in the Canadian Church Mission, the other side of the town from the C.I.M. building, which is situated outside the walls. Unknown to them, fighting broke out in the city and outside the walls between rival factions, over a dispute as to the division of a levy recently made on the inhabitants. Half way through the city, they learned that the gates had been closed and that it was impossible for them to reach their home. They tried to reach the city walls, but were chased off by soldiers with rifles. On reaching the city level again, they found themselves between the crossfire of the rival parties, and Mr. Howes fell wounded. Mr. Amos succeeded in gaining shelter of a Chinese house for himself and his wounded comrade.

REMOVED ON STRETCHER.

In this house, they had to spend the night, gambling soldiers being their companions. By dawn fighting had died down, and friends from the Canadian Church Mission sent to them with stretchers. Mr. Howes was removed to the Canadian Mission, and since no telegram has been received in Shanghai about his condition, it is believed that he is making a quick recovery. Mr. Howes has been in China little over a year.

Beyond suffering from the shock of a dreadful experience, Mrs. Sinton, the lady who witnessed the barbarities of the soldiers upon their fellow-countrymen, is believed to have undergone no ill effects. The situation during the early days of this month is said to have continued chaotic in Luchow for some time.

He said St. Paul recognised a feature of human fellowship that must be remembered, which was that the kindly thought and warm affection of friends might be constantly directed towards them, and yet give no sign of its existence. The concern of other people for their happiness might be vital and keen yet remain latent for a long period until an opportunity showed itself. St. Paul expressed this in a figure which was exceedingly apt and picturesque. The joyful surprise, though an annual occurrence, was always a miracle of delight.

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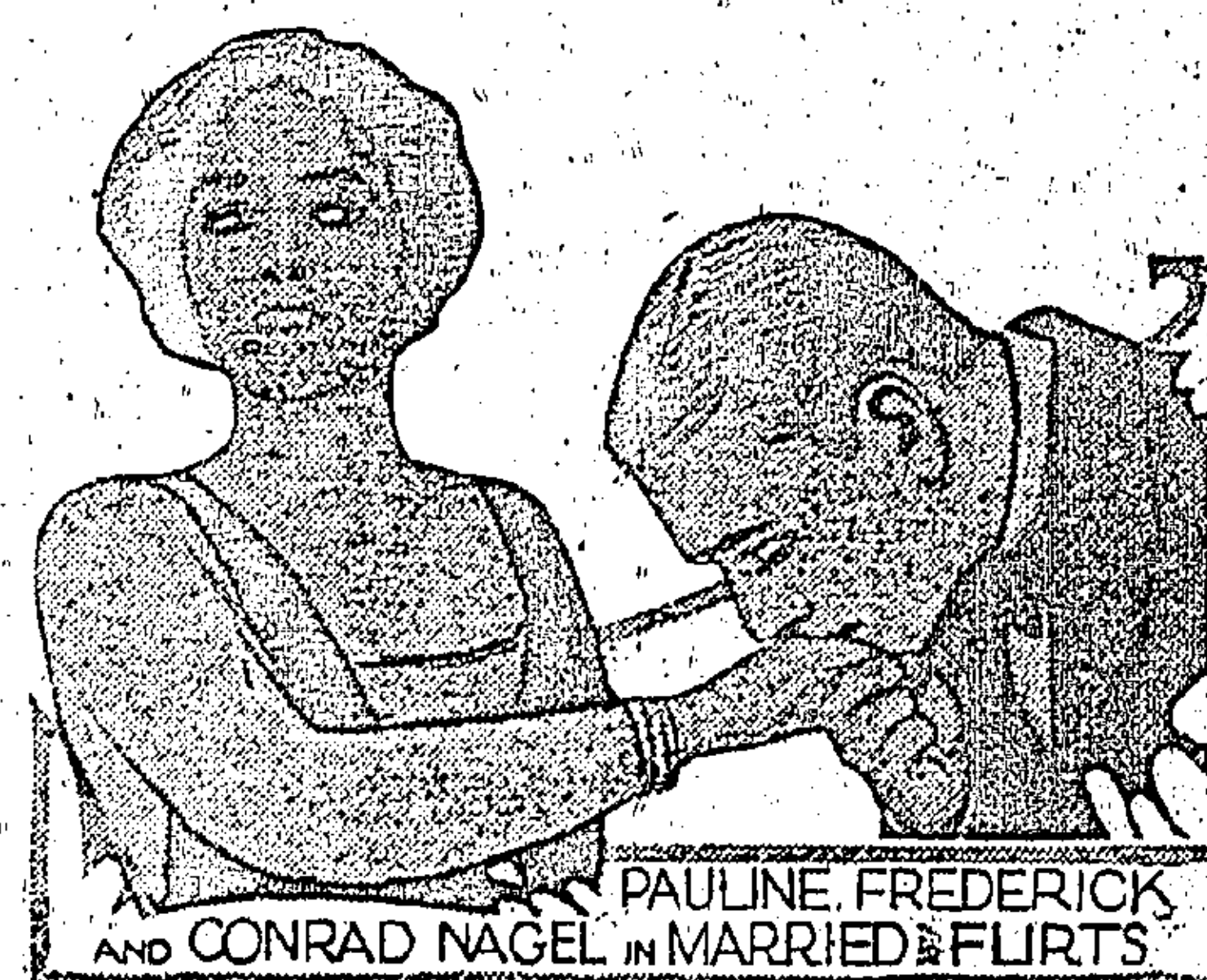
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but could not flourish till some warmer breath of goodwill among men gave him the opportunity. He was ever waiting to be gracious. The children knew when they received a Christmas present from a fond parent and acknowledged it with a hug of warm affection, that it did mean that their parents had only cared for them that one day, but for the whole year. So the gift of Christmas to mankind was only a sign of God's unchanging mercy.

A Persian dealer in antiquities, Mr. Fazlullah Bann, who was a passenger in the Majestic, has been compelled to pay the full port dues for which a liner calling at Cherbourg is liable if she carries a case containing a 13th century Persian-illuminated M.S., which he declared as commercial goods. As the vessel was carrying no other cargo he was made liable for the whole of the dues, which, being based on the vessel's tonnage, amounted to 12,000 francs (about £80).